

# Christian Initiation News and Notes

August (Part 2) and September 2018

## CALENDAR: FALL REGIONAL MEETINGS

### For Clergy and Lay Directors, Coordinators, Team Members

Every parish must have a person to represent the ministry of *the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* formation process at one of these gatherings:

- ❖ **Monday, September 17, 6:30 PM- 8:00 PM; Windber Catechetical Center,**  
600 Graham Avenue, Windber
- ❖ **Tuesday, September 18, 6:30 PM- 8:00 PM; Saint John the Evangelist, Bellefonte,**  
134 East Bishop Street, Bellefonte, Rectory- Lower Level
- ❖ **Wednesday, September 19, 6:30 PM- 8:00 PM; Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown,**  
**Administration Center,** Building B, 935 South Logan Blvd, Hollidaysburg (to the Left  
of Garvey Manor after entering the Main Entrance)
- ❖ **Saturday, September 22, 9:00 AM -10:30 AM; Basilica of Saint Michael the**  
**Archangel, Loretto,** Lower Level of the Basilica, 321 St. Mary Street

**Please RSVP by Thursday, September 13** to Jeanne Thompson at 814-317-2672,  
Emergency Contact number: 814-934-2510; or Dotty Caminiti at 814-317-2647.

## CATECHESIS AND FORMATION

- **Catechumenate Team Ministry Course for Christian Initiation Certification**  
The 16 week course (spread out over 7 months) is being held at Saint Michael Parish,  
St. Michael; 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM. Registrations are due by August 22 for this year's course but  
will be accepted until August 29. The first class session is September 6. The \$75 fee covers all  
resources and printed materials.

This course is offered through the Lay Ecclesial Ministry and Adult Enrichment Office, as a  
Third Year Track from the Christian Initiation Office, in collaboration with the Liturgy and  
Tribunal Offices and can be used for C.E.U. hours. This course is strongly encouraged by  
Bishop Mark and recommended for Directors, Coordinators and Team members to attend.  
Men and women registering for Adult Enrichment should currently be in Christian Initiation,  
RCIA Ministry and must have a basic scripture background and be planning to enter the Lay  
Ecclesial Ministry program in the near future.

Registrations are processed by the Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministries Office.  
Email: [www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial.ministry](http://www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial.ministry) or contact: [Marybeth Heinze 814-361-2000](mailto:Marybeth.Heinze@dioceseaj.org)  
Please call Jeanne Thompson at 814-317-2672 with any questions.

- **The annual fall workshop: *Understanding the Annulment Process*** will be on Saturday, November 3, 2018 at Saint Michael Elementary School, Loretto, from 8:30AM – 1:30PM. Very Rev. John D. Byrnes JV, JCL, will be the presenter. The fee is \$15.00 (\$12 each for groups of 3 or more). Repeat attendees are always welcome. This workshop is a requirement for certification and is for those in RCIA, Lay Ecclesial Ministry, Marriage Preparation, DRE's and Catechists. It is also a good review for clergy.

*This workshop is not intended for the general public. Individual people not in ministry need prior permission of the presenter or Jeanne Thompson.*

## **DIOCESAN WEBSITE: <http://www.dioceseaj.org>**

**Diocesan News and Calendars** for all special events, adult catechetical and formation offerings, and registration for diocesan-wide events can be downloaded from this valuable communication tool. The Christian Initiation site can be found under Ministries. The bi-weekly Diocesan Mailings can be accessed on the homepage under DIOCESE at the bottom of the left hand column. Forms and announcements, bulletin inserts, and *Christian Initiation New and Notes, etc.* are posted as part of the diocesan mailing.

## **ON THE LIBRARY SHELF**

### **Liturgy Training Publication:**

**2018 Source Book for Sundays, Seasons and Weekdays, the Almanac for Pastoral Liturgy** should be required for all those in the Sacrament Preparation, Catechetical and Liturgical Ministries in the parish. This annual text is on the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown bulk order form.

**Bulk Orders:** In the fall the Liturgy Office offers the opportunity for every parish to order quantities of commonly used catechetical, formational, and liturgical ministry texts from LTP. Many pastors, administrators, chaplains, and campus ministers already do this. If you as a director have not been aware of this, please talk to them about the materials and placing an order

The form is also on the website: [https://www. dioceseaj.org](https://www.dioceseaj.org); DIOCESE tab, left hand column at the bottom: Diocesan Mailing, August 7, 2018.

Any item can be ordered through the Altoona-Johnstown Liturgy Office during the year at the 40% discount rate. Call the Liturgy Office: Joan Noonan 814-693-ext.2674. Please go to [www.LTP.ORG](http://www.LTP.ORG) for a full catalog of LTP products.

***Guide to Adapting the RCIA for Children***, Rita Burns Senseman, Liturgy Training Preparation (LTP).

This new resource recognizes and acknowledges that children of varying ages and stages of faith formation undergo a variety of paths to Christian Initiation. Using the rite itself, this book will help all levels of Christian Initiation leaders in parishes prepare the younger Catechumens and Candidates for the initiation sacraments.

The guide is listed as \$13.95 plus shipping through LTP; \$8.45 plus shipping through the Diocesan Liturgy Office This new publication can also be purchased as an E-book: Google Play, Apple iBook, and Amazon Kindle for \$8.95.

## **PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION**

We continue to gather the Director Update Forms needed for *Christian Initiation Parish Directory*. Please complete the form as soon as possible. All mail is still sent to parishes but it is better that we have named person as the recipient. Forms can be downloaded as a PDF or Word document from the web.

## PARISH VISITS

Parish team assistance sessions can be scheduled at any time with Jeanne Thompson. This may be a more immediate manner of helping to review individual parish concerns outside of a regional meeting.

## REMINDER FOR CALENDARS: Neophyte Mass, Saturday, April 27, 2019

It is the 5:00 PM Vigil Mass of the Second Sunday of Easter at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona with a meal to follow in the Cathedral Hall. The date for the annual Neophyte Mass of Thanksgiving for 2019 on the Liturgical calendar was initially listed incorrectly.

## RESOURCE LIST ADDITIONS

**Ascension Press: [ascensionpress.com](http://ascensionpress.com) 800-376-0520.**

*Chosen: Your Journey to Confirmation*, is on the USCCB Approved Conformity listing of Texts and Series for Sacramental Preparation. The USCCB list is our standard for resources. The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has added *Chosen* to the accepted parish resource lists. These materials are not only our student sacrament preparation.

Ascension Press offers an excellent variety of texts and DVD materials that can be used for middle school, senior high and adult age groups. The DVD's can also be live streamed and viewed on YouTube. You may preview at no cost the materials from Ascension Press on the web or send for printed text materials with a 45 day preview.

## YOUTH PROTECTION

All paid staff members and volunteers in parishes are required to be in compliance with the Diocesan and State requirements. If your certificates and clearances are not in the parish records please call Director of Children and Youth Protection, Mrs. Cindy O'Connor to verify your status. Non-compliant persons must complete the training before continuing in ministry. You will be able to access all forms on the website: [www.dioceseaj.org](http://www.dioceseaj.org) Youth Protection.

**Live sessions** have now been scheduled **as an option** for training: Sessions are 8:30 AM-12:30 PM

**Sat. Sept. 8** at Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Administration Center, Building A,  
South Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg

**Sat. Sept. 22** at St. Patrick School, Park Ave., Johnstown;

**Two more dates and sites were added:**

**Sat. October 13** at Family Life Office, Rte. #53, Lilly

**Sat. October 20** at Saint Peter Catholic Church, Annex Building, Somerset

Please email or call Cindy O'Connor at 814-317-2621 or [coconnor@dioceseaj.org](mailto:coconnor@dioceseaj.org) to register.

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