

April – June *Fresh Wind in Our Sails* Programs

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Preparing for Holy Week

Monday, April 3 ~ 7 to 8:30 pm

Matthew shows Jesus, intimate with God, even as he suffers. Matthew's Jesus shines with God's presence. His passion and resurrection draw us close in faith. Let us prepare for Holy Week by studying the narrative together.

Study Guide: Sister Joan Sobala

Why Are the Pews Emptying?

Thursday, April 27 ~ 7 to 8:30 pm

The numbers of weekly churchgoers in the U.S. is diminishing. Let's explore what may be causing this exodus and how the community's concerns are being addressed. Plus, hear about a popular new church experience created by some local parishes.

Presenters: Father James Lawlor, Senior Priest at Our Lady of Lourdes/St. Anne; and Father Daniel Ruiz, Parochial Vicar at St. Benedict's, the parish which includes St. Mary's, Canandaigua and St. Bridget's, West Bloomfield

Engaging Our Mind, Heart and Spirit (Retreat)

Saturday, May 20 ~ 9:30 am to 3 pm

Location: SSJ Motherhouse

Cost: \$30

The ancient concept of the *common good* has been lost in a sea of causes and conflicts, shifting priorities, indifferences and fear. This ecumenical retreat will offer grist for our thinking and allow us time for personal prayer, sharing, and developing our own plan to re-energize, all for the *common good* of our community and world.

Co-sponsored by Atonement Lutheran Church in Brighton

Presenters: Rev. Myra Brown, Associate Pastor, Spiritus Christi Church; Sister Beth LeValley, SSJ, Greater Rochester Community of Churches; and Rev. Deborah Fae Swift, Pastor, South Presbyterian Church & Acts of Faith Community

Life in Christ Changes Us

Saturday, June 24 ~ 10 am to 3 pm

Location: Cobblestone Springs, Dundee

Donation: \$25

Deepening our relationship with Christ offers change for our lives. That change is already happening in us and there is more to come. Let's explore that change and learn how to open ourselves to an even more loving relationship with Jesus, the Holy One.

Reservations: Please contact Sisters St. Luke Hardy, SSJ at 585-729-5526 or hardyluke4@gmail.com