

Catholic Campus Ministry E-bulletin – January 24, 2020

Upcoming Event

February 2 Mass will be celebrated at 4pm due to the Superbowl. As many wise priest have said -, “not even God can compete with the Superbowl.”

Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Service – Mark your calendars for Feb. 26, time TBA, location Stone Church of the Brethren. If you would like to be involved with the service as a greeter or reader, please contact Lisa at baerL@juniata.edu

Liturgical Minister Schedule January 26, 2020

Set-up: Sarah Fader

Hospitality: Volunteers needed

Lectors: 1st – Sarah Fader
2nd –Maggie Taylor
3rd –Maggie Taylor

Cantor: Danielle Ochs

Pianist: Juliana Shugar

Catholic Council Meeting

Join us for our meetings on Thursdays at **6:15 pm (new time)** in the Unity House. All are welcome.

Officer Update: Pres. Sarah Fader, VP Danielle Ochs, Treas. Maggie Taylor

Upcoming Events: Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Service (Feb 26), Pretzel rolling and baking, Rosary (Sunday evenings prior to Mass during Lent), Easter Egg hunt and more.

Check out our Juniata College Catholic Council Facebook page.

Liturgical Ministers

The small group of volunteers who serve our Mass community are in need of your help. Those volunteers help to set-up the lounge for Mass, lector (read), cantor (lead the singing) serve as Ministers of Hospitality (greeters) and Eucharistic Ministers. If you feel called to service, this is an excellent opportunity for you. The commitment is totally on your schedule as a volunteer. We know that Mass on campus is important to our students and the surrounding community but we can only sustain this Mass with the help of volunteers. Please give careful consideration to serving as a Liturgical Minister in any capacity as we need all our hands, hearts, and souls to give. What is Jesus asking of you? Feel free to contact Lisa at baerL@juniata.edu

Fellowship Opportunity

Alliance for Catholic Education at St. Joseph's University (ACESJU) is currently accepting applications (deadline to apply is January 31, 2020). ACESJU is a two-year education fellowship program that provides recent college graduates the opportunity to serve as full-time teachers and administrators in under-resourced Catholic schools in the Philadelphia region. While working full-time in these Catholic institutions, ACESJU fellows also pursue a **cost-free master's degree** at St. Joseph's University, Villanova University, or Neumann University.

To access the application visit www.sju.edu/acesju . If you have any questions about ACESJU, visit their website at: <https://sites.sju.edu/acesju/>.

Gospel Reflection

January 26 Matthew 4:12--23

When Jesus called his disciples, they came “immediately.” Parents wish their children would respond as quickly, but they don’t. Children grow slowly into responsibility. It is a process like walking, not done “immediately”, but in small steps. Parenting demands patient encouragement.

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A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Sunday Mass Schedule Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church Sixth and Washington Streets 814-643-0160

Saturday: 5:00 pm & Sunday 8:00 am and 10:15 AM. The times for weekday Masses vary from day to day. If you would like to know the times, please call the church at the above number.

The webpage for Most Holy Trinity has numerous resources and links for those seeking information on the Catholic faith or doing research for a class. Check out www.mhtcc.org

Mass Intentions: If you would like to schedule an intention for Mass in memory of a deceased loved one or to pray for someone who is sick or infirm, contact the Campus Ministry Office. A \$10 donation is requested.

Ecumenical and Interfaith Opportunities

3 Bible Study Opportunities:

1. CHRIST. THE BIBLE...TRUE? A FAIRY TALE? Examine the evidence...6 week study starting January 31. Join our spring 2020 mini-study, the "Why I Believe" Bible Study by Chip Ingram, which will delve into the evidence for Christ, the Resurrection, creation, and God. We will investigate these issues objectively, using intelligence, logic and historical fact. FRIDAYS 1230-120PM, BAC C-209. (If you've sat in on this study in years past, this one is an updated (and, shorter) 2019 version which includes a new element - how to reach the 21st century secular and nonbelieving world. Please let others know about this study!) Contact James Latten at latten@juniata.edu for additional information.
2. Galatians Bible Study – Join us right off campus at 1624 Mifflin Street on Thursday evenings from 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM this semester as we explore Paul's letter to the Galatians! If someone asked you to explain the good news of the Christian faith, what would you say? Writing to the church in Galatia, Paul provides one of the clearest explanations of the gospel (literally translated as "good news") in the New Testament. This discussion-based Bible study is aimed at helping Christians apply the teachings found within the book of Galatians to their everyday lives. Contact Stephanie Lauback at lauback@juniata.edu or James Meersman at meersman@juniata.edu for more info. We will start this Thursday, January 23rd.
3. Join us Wednesday evenings 8-9pm for an experiential group study we're calling "FLOW: For the Life Of the World". FLOW will explore the application of questions like: *What is our faith for? Why does living out our faith matter? What does it mean to be a steward? And how do we steward well?* We will be using a combination of activities, films, conversations, and digging into Scripture to explore together how cultivating a more rooted and robust understanding of *stewardship* may change how we engage our faith, relationships, time, the world, and the whole of our lives in light of the Gospel. Please email Dani Erdley (derdley@ccojubilee.org) or Adrienne Willhoft (awillhoft@ccojubilee.org) to be added to the group email list for more information and location updates.

Baha'i Faith Study Circle:

Are you interested in learning about a spiritual approach to world unity and peace? The Baha'i Faith, which began in 1844, is the most recent independent world religion, based on the teachings of the Prophet Founder, Baha'u'llah, whose principles for unity include the oneness of God, the oneness of religion, and the oneness of humanity. Topics in this semester's Study Circle include an introduction to the Baha'i Writings, the central importance of prayer, and life after death. Monday evenings at 7 in the Unity House, beginning January 27th. For more information please contact Deb Kirchhof-Glazier at kirchhof@juniata.edu

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

It is difficult not to use superlatives when speaking of **St. Thomas Aquinas**, one of the greatest and most influential theologians the Church has known. Yet there was a simple, humble side to the man who is honored with the title of **Doctor of the Church**.

Born in southern Italy (January 28, 1225) into a prosperous family, Thomas was a quiet boy and a gifted student. His parents, hopeful he would join an established and highly regarded Benedictine monastery, were devastated when he announced his decision to join the newly established **Dominican Order**. His brothers were sent to kidnap him and held him for more than a year before relenting. *Editor's note: I read that his Mom helped him to escape; she purposely left a window unlocked for him to exit from and he ran off to meet Dominican friars.*

He proceeded to Paris, France and to Koln, Germany, where he studied under (St.) Albert the Great and astonished his teachers with his intellectual gifts and his skills in teaching, writing and preaching. Following ordination, Thomas began work on his masterpiece, *The Summa Theologica*, a systematic explanation of the Catholic faith. Rather than simply appeal to authority or refuse to entertain objections, Thomas explored other points of view, including those of the "pagan" Aristotle as well as scholars of other faiths.

A man of great holiness too, Thomas mysteriously and abruptly stopped work on his *Summa* in late 1273. He seems to have had a mystical experience while celebrating Mass. "I cannot go on," he said. "All that I have written seems to me like so much straw compared to what I have seen and what has been revealed to me."

While on his way to the Council of Lyons several months later, Thomas Aquinas, 49, fell ill and died. He was canonized almost 50 years later. He is the patron of Catholic universities and students. His feast day is **January 28**.

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Seeking Answers

College and young adult living seems to be the most precious time for expanding our minds and thoughts around all things spiritual and especially organized religion. If you have found yourself in the state of questioning your faith and seeking answers other than, "because that's the way it is" or "the Church says so..." feel free to reach out to me and we can find a time to meet and talk. Listening is my specialty and I make no judgement on your questions, answers or decisions. I'm an excellent sound board and welcome the questions and process. You know that saying, "been there, done that, got the t-shirt!" I have the t-shirts. Lisa baerL@juniata.edu

Campus Announcements:

Enrollment - Tour guide application for next fall is open and we'll be accepting applications until Tuesday, January 28 at midnight. Please use this link to apply: <https://forms.gle/Gz8n94aSw29HdmKs7>

Community Engagement - There is a 'Feed My Starving Children' Event next month on **Saturday, February 22, 2020** that could use volunteers. The event will be in State College at: **State College Alliance Church, 1221 W. Whitehall Road**. Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is a non-profit organization that works with food distribution partners that stay with communities for the long haul, empowering them to move from relief to development. FMSC meals are developed by food science and nutrition professionals to supplement nutritional needs and reduce problems with malnutrition. Nutrition allows children to grow, thrive and develop to their full potential. If you are interested in volunteering follow the link below to learn more and sign-up.

<http://www.scalliancechurch.com/foodpack>