

ALL SAINTS' GUIDE TO

ADULT FORMATION

2023 - 2024



Adult Formation at All Saints' seeks to invite the Holy Spirit's transformation in our lives, deepening our Christian faith for the sake of the world.

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WELCOME



Dear saints,

I am excited to begin a new program year with you! In this brochure, you will see a full year of programming. While other opportunities may be added throughout the year, we hope this schedule will help you plan and mark your calendar for opportunities you won't want to miss.

This year we have intentionally created broad offerings, the focus of which range from the practice of faith in our personal relationships and everyday lives to our public faith and social engagement. Some offerings demonstrate the way the personal and public aspects of our faith are interconnected, like the School of the Spirit course, "Forgiveness: Everyday Practice and Social Implications." This course serves another function as well: During the fall, children, youth, and adults will be reflecting on the practice of forgiveness in different spaces and at different times throughout the semester, the goal being to drive the same conversation, in developmentally appropriate ways, across all areas of formation. We hope this structure creates opportunities for spiritual discussion among family members at home, as well as opportunities for adults to engage the children and youth of our parish in meaningful conversation in the courtyard or at one of our many "All Parish" events on Sunday mornings.

This year, we have also been intentional about creating Sunday morning programs where meaningful connections may be made among parishioners in small group settings. Many of these offerings take the form of a School of the Spirit mini-course, and here too, we have cast the net wide. We hope these sessions will be of use and interest to a good number of parishioners, even as we aim to address the needs of specific groups. We will offer "Parenting with God" in both the fall and spring semesters, for example, as well as courses



WELCOME



(cont...) like “Retirement as Vocation: Discerning God’s Call and Practical Considerations” and “Sport and the Common Good.” Furthermore, in addition to the long-standing favorite, “Jesus on the Front Page,” which meets most weeks, we are also offering “Everyday Connections,” led by All Saints’ Connects facilitators. This new class provides a continual opportunity for parishioners to reflect on the morning’s worship service and homily by exploring the significance of each week’s Gospel reading for our everyday lives.

We will still have plenty of opportunity to come together as a parish on Sunday mornings, both for the Rector’s Forum — where we will be dreaming about and discerning together the “Future of the Block” — as well as for other forums ranging from parishioner and staff-led presentations to guest speakers. Because our formation as Christians happens within every aspect of parish life (in weekly worship and acts of service as much as through educational programming), we have created opportunities to connect biblical and theological reflection with other aspects of our life together. For example, many of the adult forums this year highlight and support the work of our Core Ministries, as does the School of the Spirit course, “Welcoming the Stranger,” led by All Saints’ director of Refugee Ministries.

I invite you to participate in the many opportunities we have at All Saints’ for spiritual growth in community, not only on Sunday mornings but throughout the week. We can’t wait to see you there!

With Joy,

Jenny +

The Rev. Dr. Jennifer McBride, *Associate Rector of Formation*



SUNDAY MORNING FORMATION



FALL PROGRAM: SEMESTER AT-A-GLANCE

10:20 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.

August 27

RECTOR'S FORUM:

- Reflections on Sabbatical, Ellis Hall

September 3
(Labor Day)

ALL PARISH EVENT:

- Saints and Service Sunday, Ellis Hall

ON-GOING CLASSES:

- Jesus on the Front Page, P307
- Everyday Connections, P305

September 10

RECTOR'S FORUM:

- Future of our Block, What's Happening in Midtown? Ellis Hall



FALL PROGRAM SEMESTER AT-A-GLANCE

10:20 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.

September 17

SCHOOL OF THE SPIRIT:

- Forgiveness: Everyday Practice, Ellis Hall

ON-GOING CLASSES:

- Jesus on the Front Page, P307
- Everyday Connections, P305

September 24

SCHOOL OF THE SPIRIT:

- Forgiveness: Everyday Practice, Ellis Hall

ON-GOING CLASSES:

- Jesus on the Front Page, P307
- Everyday Connections, P305

October 1

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP. Ellis Hall

ON-GOING CLASSES:

- Jesus on the Front Page, P307
- Everyday Connections, P305

October 8

SCHOOL OF THE SPIRIT:

- Forgiveness: Everyday Practice, Ellis Hall
- Parenting with God, Ross Room

ON-GOING CLASSES:

- Jesus on the Front Page, P307
- Everyday Connections, P305

October 15

SCHOOL OF THE SPIRIT:

- Forgiveness: Social Implications, Ellis Hall
- Parenting with God, Ross Room

ON-GOING CLASSES:

- Jesus on the Front Page, P307
- Everyday Connections, P305

October 22

SCHOOL OF THE SPIRIT:

- Forgiveness: Social Implications, Ellis Hall
- Parenting with God, Ross Room



FALL PROGRAM SEMESTER AT-A-GLANCE

10:20 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.

October 22
(cont...)

ON-GOING CLASSES:

- Jesus on the Front Page, P307
- Everyday Connections, P305

October 29

RECTOR'S FORUM:

- An Exploration of Fresh Expressions, with Dwight Zscheile, Ellis Hall

November 5

ALL PARISH EVENT:

- All Saints' Day Celebration, Ellis Hall

November 12

RECTOR'S FORUM:

- Future of Our Block, What's Happening in the Churches?, Ellis Hall

November 19

ADULT FORUM:

- Music of Advent, Ellis Hall

ON-GOING CLASSES:

- Jesus on the Front Page, P307
- Everyday Connections, P305

November 26

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP. Ellis Hall

ON-GOING CLASSES:

- Jesus on the Front Page, P307
- Everyday Connections, P305

December 3

ALL PARISH EVENT:

- Advent Adventure, Ellis Hall

ON-GOING CLASSES:

- Jesus on the Front Page, P307
- Everyday Connections, P305

December 10

ALL PARISH EVENT:

- Threads Sunday: Conversation with the New Director, Ellis Hall

ON-GOING CLASSES:

- Jesus on the Front Page, P307
- Everyday Connections, P305



FALL PROGRAM SEMESTER AT-A-GLANCE

10:20 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.

December 17

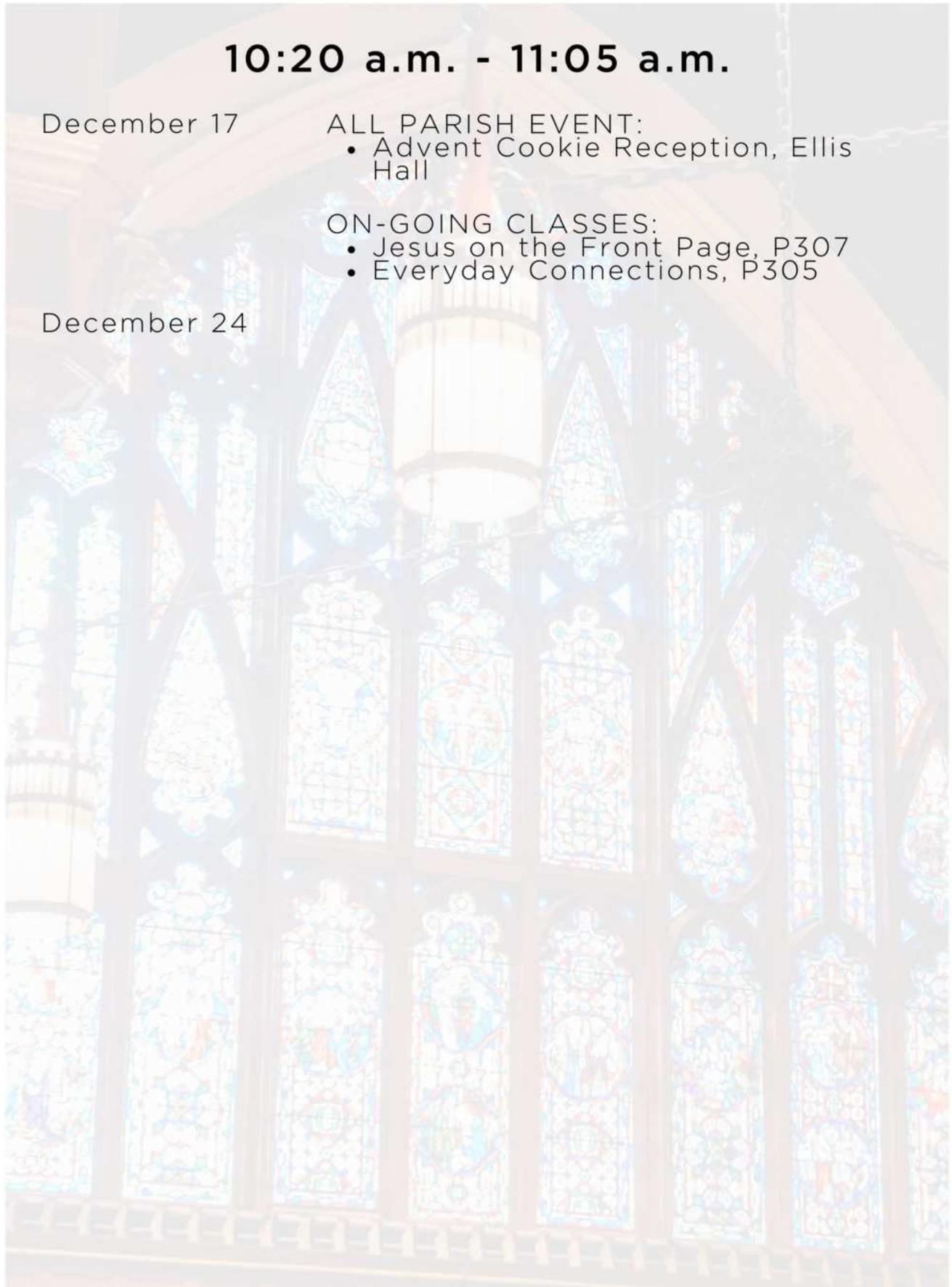
ALL PARISH EVENT:

- Advent Cookie Reception, Ellis Hall

ON-GOING CLASSES:

- Jesus on the Front Page, P307
- Everyday Connections, P305

December 24



SPRING PROGRAM SEMESTER AT-A-GLANCE



SPRING PROGRAM: SEMESTER AT-A-GLANCE 10:20 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.

January 7

ADULT FORUM:

- Why Can't Church Be More Like an AA Meeting? with Dr. Stephen Haynes, Ellis Hall

ON-GOING CLASSES:

- Jesus on the Front Page, P307
- Everyday Connections, P305

January 14

ADULT FORUM:

- MLK Preacher-Teacher, with Dr. Gregory Ellison, Ellis Hall

ON-GOING CLASSES:

- Jesus on the Front Page, P307
- Everyday Connections, P305

January 21

RECTOR'S FORUM:

- Launch of the Block Parish Engagement Process, Ellis Hall



SPRING PROGRAM SEMESTER AT-A-GLANCE

10:20 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.

January 28

ALL PARISH EVENT:

- Refugee Ministries New Families Reception, Ellis Hall

ON-GOING CLASSES:

- Jesus on the Front Page, P307
- Everyday Connections, P305

February 4

ALL PARISH EVENT:

- Children's Musical, Ellis Hall

ON-GOING CLASSES:

- Jesus on the Front Page, P307
- Everyday Connections, P305

February 11

ADULT FORUM:

- Music of Lent, with Justin Maxey, Ellis Hall

ON-GOING CLASSES:

- Jesus on the Front Page, P307
- Everyday Connections, P305

February 18

RECTOR'S FORUM:

- Conversation with Dwight Zscheile, Ellis Hall

February 25

RECTOR'S FORUM:

- Block Parish Engagement Process, Ellis Hall

March 3

SCHOOL OF THE SPIRIT:

- Retirement as Vocation: Discerning God's Call and Practical Considerations, Ross Room
- Sport and the Common Good, Ellis Hall

ON-GOING CLASSES:

- Jesus on the Front Page, P307
- Everyday Connections, P305



SPRING PROGRAM SEMESTER AT-A-GLANCE

10:20 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.

March 10

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ON-GOING CLASSES:

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- Everyday Connections, P305

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ON-GOING CLASSES:

- Jesus on the Front Page, P307
- Everyday Connections, P305

March 24

March 31

April 7

ADULT FORUM:

- Refugee Ministries Day, guest speaker, Ellis Hall

ON-GOING CLASSES:

- Jesus on the Front Page, P307
- Everyday Connections, P305



SPRING PROGRAM SEMESTER AT-A-GLANCE

10:20 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.

April 14

SCHOOL OF THE SPIRIT

- Welcoming the Stranger, Ellis Hall
- Parenting with God, Ross Room

ON-GOING CLASSES:

- Jesus on the Front Page, P307
- Everyday Connections, P305

April 21

SCHOOL OF THE SPIRIT

- Welcoming the Stranger, Ellis Hall
- Parenting with God, Ross Room

ON-GOING CLASSES:

- Jesus on the Front Page, P307
- Everyday Connections, P305

April 28

RECTOR'S FORUM

- Block Parish Engagement Process, Ellis Hall

May 5

ALL PARISH EVENT:

- Volunteer Appreciation Brunch, Ellis Hall

ON-GOING CLASSES:

- Jesus on the Front Page, P307
- Everyday Connections, P305

May 12

RECTOR'S FORUM

- Annual Parish Meeting, Ellis Hall

May 19

ALL PARISH EVENT:

- Pentecost Party, Ellis Hall



SUNDAY MORNING FORUMS & ALL PARISH EVENTS

The Rector's Forum

Rev. Dr. Simon Mainwaring
Ellis Hall, hybrid
10:20 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.
This program year, All Saints' Rector Simon Mainwaring will lead the parish in conversations that will help us dream big and discern the future of our block together.



August 27	Reflections on Sabbatical
September 10	Future of Our Block: What's Happening in Midtown?
October 29	An Exploration of Fresh Expressions, with guest Dwight Zscheile
November 12	Future of Our Block: What's Happening in the Churches?
January 21	Launch of the Block Parish Engagement Process
February 18	Future of Our Block: Conversation with guest Dwight Zscheile
February 25	Block Parish Engagement Process
April 28	Block Parish Engagement Process
May 12	Annual Parish Meeting



SUNDAY MORNING FORUMS & ALL PARISH EVENTS

Adult Forums

Ellis Hall, hybrid |
10:20a.m.-11:05 a.m.

November 19 Music of Advent: Join us for a journey through some of the most glorious music the Advent and Christmas seasons have to offer. Be reminded of how God makes God's presence known through the beauty of sacred music — a gift we may enjoy not only in our public worship but also in our everyday lives.

December 10 Threads Sunday: Get to Know the New Director!; Join All Saints' Rector, Simon Mainwaring, as he engages in conversation with Marcia Mayfield, the new director of Threads, our parish ministry that clothes children in need with dignity.



January 7



Why Can't the Church Be More Like an AA Meeting? with Dr. Stephen Haynes: Join Rhodes College Professor of Religious Studies as he reflects on how the guiding principles of Twelve-Step recovery could transform congregations into places of genuine vulnerability and radical hospitality. Dr. Haynes will draw from his most recent book, which combines history, Biblical and theological reflection, social analysis, and his own lived experience in recovery.



SUNDAY MORNING FORUMS & ALL PARISH EVENTS

Adult Forums

Ellis Hall, hybrid |
10:20a.m.-11:05 a.m.

January 14



MLK Day Forum with preacher-teacher, Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Ellison II: Join Associate Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling at Candler School of Theology as he reflects on the way contemplative practices may strengthen Christian social engagement. Dr. Ellison will draw on the powerful insights of Howard Thurman, the spiritual advisor to Dr. King and other leaders during the Civil Rights Movement.

February 11



Music of Lent, with Justin Maxey: Join All Saints' very own associate director of music, Justin Maxey, on a journey through some of the most beautiful service music this Lenten season has to offer. Get a preview of the compositions we will be hearing and singing during Lent as we reflect together on their biblical imagery and theological depth.

April 7



Refugee Ministries Day: Join an expert in the field of refugee and asylum resettlement, who will speak on the challenges that people face getting to the United States and the difficulties that they continue to confront once they are here. Gain a biblical perspective on being in relationship with newcomers to the United States and be inspired by our parish's transformative work, which is imperative for the healing of our world.



SUNDAY MORNING FORUMS & ALL PARISH EVENTS

All Parish (All Ages) Events

Ellis Hall, hybrid |
10:20a.m.-11:05 a.m.

September 3 Saints and Service Sunday: Join saints of all ages as we practice neighbor love this Labor Day Weekend. Seeking to be God's hands and feet in the world, we will make hundreds of sandwiches that will be distributed to organizations who directly serve people living on the streets.

December 3 Advent Adventure: Join us in preparing for the birth of Christ as we make symbols that help us enter into this season of Advent.

December 17 Christmas Pageant Cookie Reception: After the children's pageant during the 9:00 am service, join fellow parishioners as we celebrate the children's retelling of our sacred story.

January 28 Refugee Ministries: Welcome Reception for New Families: Join us between services for a reception in Ellis Hall to welcome families that are new to our Refugee Ministries program. Refugee Ministries works with approximately seventy families at a time, who come from Latin America, the Middle East, East and Central Africa, Nepal, Burma/Myanmar and more. Come for brunch and share in fellowship with our families and volunteers.

February 4 Children's Musical: Join us for our annual Children's Musical, presented by our Junior and Primary Choirs, 1st - 6th graders. Support the children of our parish and be inspired by their talent, energy, and teamwork.



SUNDAY MORNING SCHOOL OF SPIRIT COURSES

The School of the Spirit consists of clergy-led and staff-led mini-courses on various theological and biblical topics that are meant to broaden and clarify our faith as well as nurture faithful engagement with the world around us. The name “School of the Spirit” points to our own spiritual growth as well as to the Spirit of God who energizes us for action.



Forgiveness: Everyday Practice and Social Implications

Instructors: Rev. Dr. Jenny McBride and Rev. Naomi Tutu

**Sept 17, Sept 24, Oct 8, Oct 15, Oct 22
Ellis Hall, hybrid |10:20-11:15 am**

Central to the Christian proclamation is that we are a people of forgiveness, namely, those who receive God's forgiveness and offer forgiveness to others. Yet, the real-life situations that invite us into the practice of forgiveness are often complex and hard to navigate. This course defines forgiveness not as a rule we must obey but as a practice we grow into that sets us free to be the kind of people we want to be and to cultivate the kind of world we want to live in. The course offers frameworks for thinking about the relationship between forgiveness, repair of harm, and the possibility of reconciling with those who have harmed us, as it examines forgiveness on both an interpersonal and societal level. As we discuss the interpersonal and societal implications of forgiveness, we will see how personal and social transformation are interconnected and mutually reinforce one another.

Parenting with God

Instructor: Kathy Roberts, Director of Children's Ministries

First Offering: Oct 8, 15, 22

Second Offering: April 14, 21

Ross Room, hybrid

10:20 a.m.-11:15 a.m.



Gather with parents of children at any age or stage to share wisdom, questions, and concerns about the incredible journey of parenthood. Learn how to weave faith into each developmental stage and into your family's everyday life together.



SUNDAY MORNING SCHOOL OF SPIRIT COURSES



Grandparenting with God
Instructor: Kathy Roberts, Director of
Children's Ministries
Sunday 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
September 24
Ross Room

Gather with grandparents of children at any age or stage to share wisdom, questions, and concerns about the incredible joy of grandparenting. Learn how to weave faith into each developmental stage and into your time with your grandchildren.

**Retirement as Vocation: Discerning
God's Call and Practical Considerations**
Instructor: Rev. Karen Evans
March 3, 10, 17
Ross Room, hybrid |10:20 a.m. - 11:15
a.m.



Should I retire? What will I do? Who will I be if I am not working? These questions are not at all uncommon as we get into and past middle age. In this course, we will talk about retirement in its various stages and how we can answer God's call to a new way of living out our Christian life. Our last session will include access to information on making wills, health care powers of attorney, funeral preparation, and the other decisions that are prudent to make before they are needed.



SUNDAY MORNING SCHOOL OF SPIRIT COURSES



Sport and the Common Good
Instructor: Rev. Dr. Andy Barnett
March 3, 10, 17
Ellis Hall, hybrid | 10:20a.m.-11:15a.m.

Like me, you might be fascinated by the power of sports to knit people together and shape culture. There's also a shadow side to sports, like the untold billions invested in professional teams, the environmental toll of massive gatherings, and the crippling injuries sustained by the players we treat as entertainment. Is it possible to leverage the power of sport to advance the common good? Can the impact of sport on individuals and society be seen as a net positive? Is there a role for the church and Christian theology in this visible public space? Driven by these and other questions, Pope Francis recently convened a Vatican gathering called Sport and the Common Good. We will use the framework of that conference to explore these questions together, sharing our own stories along the way.

Welcoming the Stranger
Instructor: Louisa Merchant,
Director of Refugee Ministries
April 14, 21
Ellis Hall, hybrid | 10:20 a.m.-
11:15 a.m.



Following the April 7th Refugee Ministries Day adult forum, this two-session course will explore the question of immigration through a biblical and theological lens. The course will draw on the book, "Welcoming the Stranger: Justice, Compassion and Truth in the Immigration Debate," written by two staff members at the national refugee agency, World Relief. We will examine the fascinating history of how certain immigration laws came into being in the United States, and how Christians should address the complicated issue of immigration. As the course makes clear, Refugee Ministries at All Saints' is needed now more than ever, making this an excellent time to explore the biblical, theological, and social significance our work.



SUNDAY MORNING ON-GOING COURSES



Jesus on the Front Page
Instructor: Ethel Ware Carter
Most Weeks, Refer to Sunday Morning
Formation Schedule
Parish Hall 307 |10:20 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Join this weekly discussion of the news of the day as we reflect on how we are called as Christians to respond in the public arena, in our personal lives, and in our prayers. During this nonpartisan weekly reflection on a current news story, we explore how we might be called to pray differently, think differently, and/or act differently on account of this event. We ask where God might be found in this story, as we notice signs of grace and learn to name our lament as well as our hope.

Everyday Connections
Instructors: Rotating All Saints' Connects
Facilitators: Todd Bouldin, Jerry Byrd,
Liza Johnson, Jan Kibler, Jillian
Robertson, Paul Terlemezian
Most Weeks, Refer to Sunday Morning
Formation Schedule
Parish Hall 305/306 |10:20-11:15 am



The proclamation of the Gospel during worship is the beginning of an ongoing dialogue between the text and those who hear it. The homily is a first response that begins, but does not end, this divine conversation. The "Everyday Connections" class provides a continual opportunity for parishioners to add their voice to the conversation by exploring the significance of the week's Gospel reading for our everyday lives.



WEEKDAY SCHOOL OF THE SPIRIT COURSES

The School of the Spirit consists of clergy-led and staff-led mini-courses on various theological and biblical topics that are meant to broaden and clarify our faith as well as nurture faithful engagement with the world around us. The name "School of the Spirit" points to our own spiritual growth as well as to the Spirit of God who energizes us for action. The weekday courses may necessitate some level of commitment on the part of participants — they may involve short, manageable weekly reading assignments, for example. But the time commitment aims to be realistic, given our multiple responsibilities and busy lives.



Making Sense of the Old Testament

Instructor: Dr. Ryan Bonfiglio of the Candler Foundry
Wednesday, 6:45 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.:
Oct 25, Nov 1, 8, 15
Jan 17, 24, 31, Feb 7
Apr 10, 17, 24, May 1
Ross Room, hybrid

A basic grasp of the Old Testament is vital for Christian faith, yet most of us find these ancient texts difficult to navigate and understand. Indeed, the story of Jesus is a continuation of the story of Israel. Join All Saints' favorite, Ryan Bonfiglio, for a twelve-week course that not only examines the contents of the Old Testament, but also its significance for us today. Explore its various stories, genres, characters, and themes. Along the way, learn more about the social, cultural, and historical contexts of ancient Israel, as well as key theological concepts such as covenant, wisdom, holiness, sabbath, justice, lament, purity, shalom. Reflect on how those themes help us better grasp the good news message Christians are called to proclaim. Formation teachers at any level are especially encouraged to take this course.



WEEKDAY SCHOOL OF THE SPIRIT COURSES



Creating a Neighboring Movement:
Reflecting on Dr. King's Final Book and
Its Relevance Today Instructor: Rev.
Natosha Reid Rice Wednesdays 7:00-
8:00 pm | Nov 29, Dec 6, Dec 13
Ross Room, hybrid

In his final book "Where Do We Go From Here? Chaos or Community?," Martin Luther King, Jr. analyzes the state of America, given its existing inequities and the outcry for better jobs, higher wages, equal education, and decent housing. While acknowledging some victories, King suggested then that the nation still had more work to do to live up to the ideals and demands of its founding documents. In many ways, we are in a similar place today. This course examines Dr. King's insights then in light of our historical moment now. It asks: What does our faith demand of us or compel us to do? What can we do to create what he calls a "World House," whose family members thrive, contribute meaningfully to the common good, and love one another?



Bonhoeffer's This-Worldly
Christianity and Its Relevance Today
Instructor: Rev. Dr. Jenny McBride
Wednesdays 6:45-8:00 pm | Feb 21,
Feb 28, March 6, March 13, March 20
Ross Room, hybrid

Many U.S. Christians are drawn to Dietrich Bonhoeffer—the twentieth-century, German, pastor-theologian and Nazi resister—because he courageously lived what he believed. While plenty of Christians admire Bonhoeffer as a historical figure or an exemplar of Christian faith, far fewer do the harder work of reading his theology. After gaining an overview of his life and work through the documentary *Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Pacifist, Nazi Resister*, this course will introduce participants to some of Bonhoeffer's most compelling theological concepts and explore their relevance for Christian discipleship and public engagement today.



SEASONAL OFFERINGS

All Saints' Connects:
Seasonal Spiritual Conversations
Instructors: Trained Connects Facilitators
Contact: Jillian Robertson at
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Zoom and P301

All Saints' Connects is our small group ministry for spiritual conversation. Small groups offer an easy way to make friends in a large church or offer a context to reinvigorate long-time connections, as we root and ground our lives in the transformative love of Jesus Christ. Our small groups usually meet weekly for one hour. Most groups meet by Zoom, although we will plan for one group to meet in-person on Sunday afternoons, 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Advent Connects Groups
6 sessions | Meets the week after Nov 5, Nov 12, Nov 19, Dec 3, Dec 10, Dec. 17

Lent Connects Groups
6 sessions | Meets the week after Feb 11, Feb 18, Feb 25, March 3, March 10, March 17

Sacred Ground
Contact: Ann Stuart Pearce, at
sacredground@allsaintsatlanta.org

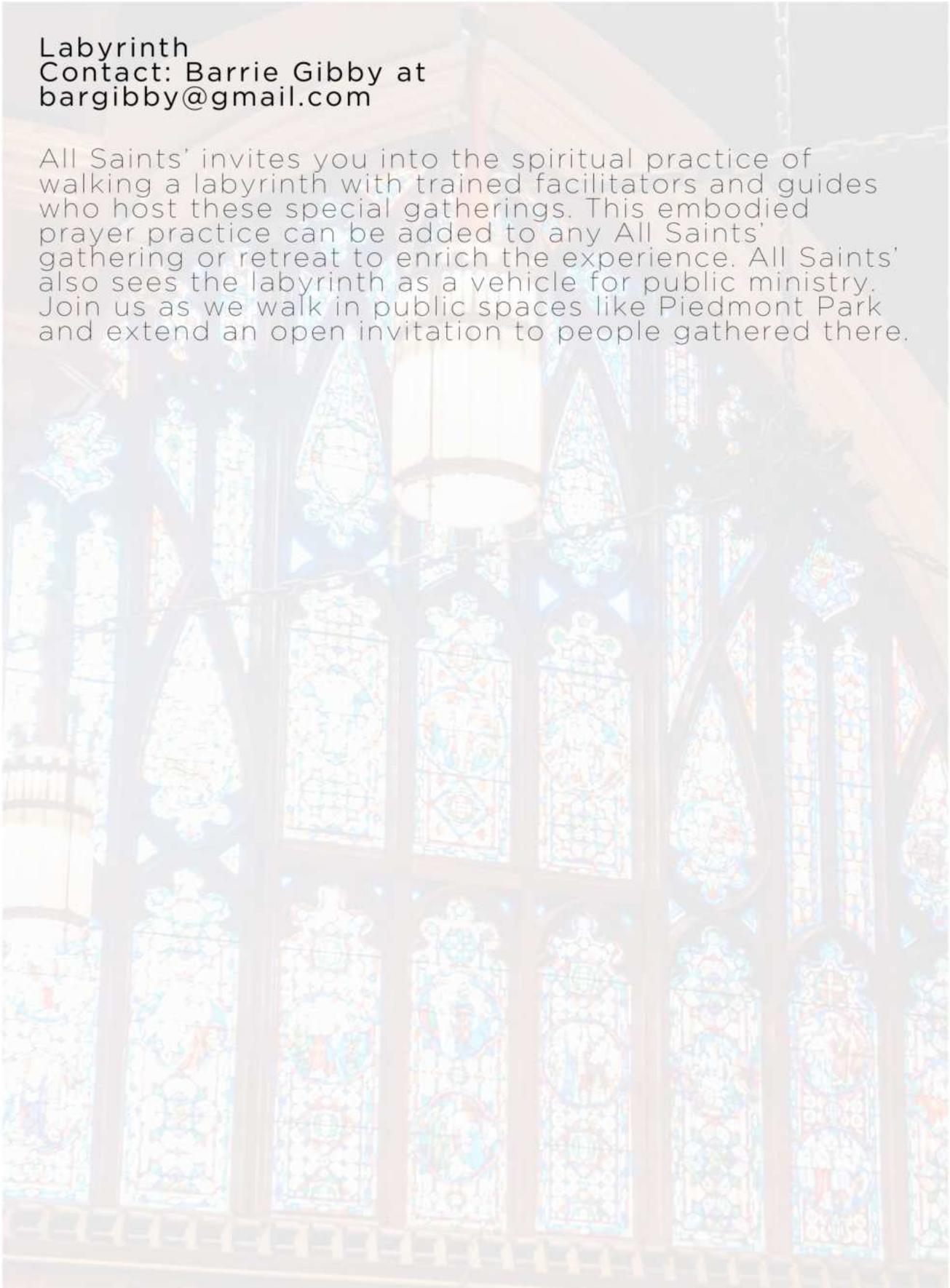
Sacred Ground is a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America's history of racism and the social construction of race, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity. This curriculum is part of Becoming Beloved Community, the Episcopal Church's long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in our personal lives, our ministries, and our society. New dialogue circles start in October 2023, so please express your interest in joining one or facilitating one by sending an e-mail to the address above. The eleven-session curriculum takes approximately six months to complete, meeting every other week.



SEASONAL OFFERINGS

Labyrinth
Contact: Barrie Gibby at
bargibby@gmail.com

All Saints' invites you into the spiritual practice of walking a labyrinth with trained facilitators and guides who host these special gatherings. This embodied prayer practice can be added to any All Saints' gathering or retreat to enrich the experience. All Saints' also sees the labyrinth as a vehicle for public ministry. Join us as we walk in public spaces like Piedmont Park and extend an open invitation to people gathered there.



ADULT FORMATION ON-GOING SMALL GROUPS

Parishioner-Led Small Groups

Education for Ministry (EFM)
Contact: Ethel Ware Carter at ecarter@rccatl.org and Steve Hines at hines@ajobs.com
Monday evenings, 6:30-9:00 pm
Offsite at Lanier House, Cathedral of St. Philip

EFM is a four-year program developed by Sewanee's School of Theology that covers the basics of theological education, from Biblical studies to Church history, to liturgical studies, to theology and ethics. Participants meet regularly for a weekly seminar, from Labor Day Weekend to Memorial Day Weekend, under the guidance of trained mentors.

Jezebels Women's Book Study
Contact: Mimi Spang at mimispang@comcast.net
Wednesdays, Weekly from 5:00-6:00 pm
Room P201 and on Zoom

Jezebels is a reading and discussion group for women of all ages and interests. Meeting for more than twenty years, Jezebels has explored a wide variety of fiction, nonfiction, poetry, plays, religious writings, occasional films, and has even gone on an occasional field trip or two. The book study meets weekly on Wednesdays, September through May. Participants meet in person at the church for the initial discussion of each new book, and the rest of the discussions meet over Zoom. Participants take turns leading the weekly discussion of a portion of the current book under exploration.



ADULT FORMATION ON-GOING SMALL GROUPS

Parishioner-Led Small Groups

Novel Theology

Contact: Laura Trott at lmtrrott@gmail.com
Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 pm
Sept 20, Oct 18, Nov 15, Jan 17
Feb 21, Mar 20, April 17, May 15
Room P305 and on Zoom

Meeting in the Parish House the third Wednesday of each month of the program year, parishioners discuss a novel they have read in advance and engage in theological reflection on the story. Discussion leaders rotate among the participants.

“Pop Up” Popcorn Theology

Contact: Jill Gossett at
jgossett@allsaintsatlanta.org

Do you enjoy watching films with others and then having a discussion afterward? Would you be willing to host a small group of people for dinner and a movie at your home? Would you be willing to bring something to a potluck dinner? Is there a movie you really want to see in the theater or at a film festival that you would suggest for this group? If you would like to participate in periodic get-togethers of this type, please register at bit.ly/3KrfSsD. Whenever there is a movie selected and a willing host, an email invitation will be sent out to everyone on the list.



ADULT FORMATION ON-GOING SMALL GROUPS

Parishioner-Led Small Groups

Sports and Spirituality
Contact: Paul Terlemezian at
pault@ifivealliances.com
Third Thursday of the Month
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 pm
Zoom

This small group comprised of sports lovers, discusses the intersection of sports and Christian spirituality, often through humor. Participants bring a favorite sports story to begin the conversation.



ADULT FORMATION ON-GOING SMALL GROUPS

Priest-Led Small Groups

The Journey

Instructor and contact: Rev. Karen Evans
at kevans@allsaintsatlanta.org

Mondays mornings

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Zoom

This priest-led Bible study focuses on one book of the Bible at a time, exploring the history, context, genre, and uniqueness of each book. Participants discuss how each passage speaks to them personally and what it has to say to the church today. The Bible study meets during the program year, from September through Pentecost.



FORMATION THROUGH ACTION AND REFLECTION

The Faith and Justice Collective

As part of our spiritual formation, All Saints' parishioners strive to live out our Baptismal Covenant together in supportive community, to love our neighbors, and to strive for justice and peace with the understanding that none of us can do this work alone. We are responding to God's call to "do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God" (Micah 6) as we anticipate the day when justice will "roll down like waters, righteousness like an ever-flowing stream" (Amos 5).

We believe that God's command spoken through the prophets and embodied in the life and teachings of Jesus requires a threefold commitment — to the works of mercy, to the struggle for justice, and to a posture of humility. The works of mercy that Jesus names in Matthew 25:31-40 meet immediate needs and foster human relationships, while the work of justice proclaimed by Jesus and the prophets strives to transform unjust structures that create the need in the first place. We believe that our struggle for justice is best rooted in works of mercy, so that our work is not energized by partisan politics but by friendship with real human beings. Humility compels us to learn from people directly impacted by injustice and, through that process, delight in new and mutually transformative relationships.

Many participants in the Collective are also active in our parish's Core Ministries: Threads, Refugee Ministries, Midtown Assistance Center, and Covenant Community. These ministries are a primary way that we at All Saints' enact the works of mercy that Jesus names in Matthew 25, namely, to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, and care for the sick.

Groups within the Faith and Justice Collective are listed below. While some groups focus on education, some on works of mercy, and some on advocacy and justice in its variety of forms, we all work together in overlapping and mutually supportive ways.

For more information on the Faith and Justice Collective, go to the adult formation webpage.



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Micah Project
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In fulfillment of Micah 6:8, we nurture racial healing as part of our spiritual formation by facilitating and engaging in honest conversations about race. We seek as a church community to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God and one another. We focus on anti-racism efforts in Georgia and their meaning for us as people of faith. We gather to study, attend programs, and engage in conversations about race and its legacies, centering our experience in our responsibilities as Christians and our need for spiritual growth.

Sacred Ground
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Sacred Ground is a film-based and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. See the longer description above, found under "Seasonal Offerings."



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Prison Engagement

Ending Mass Incarceration: A Multi-faith Coalition
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After the June 2019 and the January 2023 interfaith conferences, "Ending Mass Incarceration," hosted by Ebenezer Baptist Church and the Temple, a coalition of midtown faith communities began meeting to see how we could come together as people of faith to address structural injustices related to the prison system. Attend the monthly meetings at St. Luke's Episcopal Church with fellow All Saints' parishioners and discern how you might join in the multifaceted work. The present focus of the coalition is on expungements, cash bail reform, and partnering with the Georgia Justice Project on restorative justice sentencing alternatives.



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All Saints' Freedom Writers
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All Saints' parishioners are each invited into a friendship with an individual incarcerated at a women's facility in Georgia. Interested individuals are prepared through a letter writing training and participate in a regular time of reflective processing over Zoom with other All Saints' letter writers, as we discuss what we are learning from our pen pals about the prison system and about ourselves. By building a relationship with an incarcerated person, letter writers will be meeting a basic need identified by those who are surviving prison, namely, supportive relationship with others and connection to the outside world. Our letter writing is grounded in Jesus's words that whatever we do for persons who are most vulnerable in our society, like those in prison, we do it to him (Matt 25:36).

Death Penalty Abolition
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Recent conversations about the death penalty were sparked at All Saints' as a group of thirty-five parishioners gathered in the spring of 2023 to discuss Rev. Jenny McBride's book, *You Shall Not Condemn: A Story of Faith and Advocacy on Death Row* (Wipf & Stock, 2022). All Saints' parishioners are invited to join in the work of Georgians For Alternatives to the Death Penalty, which seeks to abolish the death penalty in Georgia, and New Hope House, which ministers to families of men on Georgia's death row.



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Faithful Advocates
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Faithful Advocates works in collaboration with other faith communities and local organizations, and in support of ministries at All Saints', to promote justice, peace, and human dignity by participating in the democratic process. We work in a nonpartisan manner raising awareness and focusing primarily on the state-level by connecting with legislators through various communication channels, including annual Lobby Days.

Bridge of Light Partnership with All Saints'
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Bridge of Light's mission is to restore dignity and hope to people who are experiencing homelessness, who are transitioning out of homelessness, or are at-risk of becoming unhoused. Bridge of Light deploys three mobile resource centers that provide free showers, laundry service, haircuts, and clothing. All Saints' Young Adults have partnered with Bridge of Light, making this ministry our primary service opportunity, and parishioners of any age are invited to volunteer with us!





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