

FIVE PARISH LENTEN PROGRAM -“OUR HOPE, OUR LIFE INTHE LORD”

Thursdays: the presentations will be at 6:30pm

1. Dr. Joe Kelly –“The Psalms: Our Cry for God”

**March 13
Holy Ghost Parish**

2. Sister Jean Klimczak- “A Journey from Violence to Forgiveness”

**March 20
St. Helen Parish**

3. Dr. Bill Cook- “St. Francis: Our Guide for the Future”

**March 27
St. Jude Parish**

4. Dr. Terry O’ Brien-“The Challenges of Parenting Junior & Senior High Teens”

**April 3
(4:30pm presentation “The Spirituality of Aging with Grace”) St. Pius X Parish**

***5. “Journey to the Castle of the Soul:” An experience of music, prayer & reflection** April 10

(Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet, on earth but yours” St. Theodore Parish

Dr. Joseph Kelly-after teaching Scripture at St. Bernard’s Seminary for 11 years, he joined the faculty at Nazareth College where he taught in the Religious Studies Department for 27 years. He now devotes his time to teaching Adult Education courses in scripture and theology in parishes and congregations throughout the Diocese of Rochester. He is also very active in ecumenical and interfaith work in Monroe County. Look for his article regarding Pope Francis’ idea that the Church is a Field Hospital in *America Magazine* this Spring. He and his wife, Pat, will soon celebrate their 42nd wedding anniversary.

Sister Jean Klimczak –is a Franciscan Sister from Lackawanna, NY, whose biological sister, Sister Karen was murdered on Good Friday 2006. Sister Jean’s ministry has involved teaching, religious education, parish and chaplaincy ministries. She currently serves as a chaplain with the Catholic health System in Buffalo, and continues to pray and seek to live a life of peace and forgiveness.

Dr. Bill Cook-taught at Geneseo College for 35 years. The State of New York has awarded him the honor of “Distinguished Teaching Professor.” He has taught in different parts of the United States and even in other countries. He is the author of numerous books and articles. He was runner up for the prestigious national “Great Teaching Award” from Baylor University. He is considered one of the top scholars on St. Francis of Assisi in the world.

Dr. Terry O’ Brien- has been a Marriage and Family Therapist for over 30 years in the Syracuse area. He is currently a professor at Oswego College. He has been a popular speaker in the Syracuse area. He has been married for over 35 years and is the father of two children.