

## HOLY SPIRIT COMMUNITY NEWS & UPDATES



Dear Holy Spirit Community,



Let us keep in our prayers all those intentions written in our Holy Spirit **Book of Prayer** and those held in the silence of so many hearts, including peace and harmony in the world, the unity of all peoples and re-membering of the one Body of Christ consciousness. Let us render useless and abolish forever anything that binds or possesses us, and live our lives free of fear, anger, sorrow, remorse, guilt, resentment, and the addictions of the world. Let us hear your voice today and follow it to a life of love, compassion, forgiveness, goodness and kindness. Amen.

February is **jellies, jams and preserves** month for our adopted **St Patrick/St Vincent De Paul Food Pantry of Watertown MA**. To help keep costs reasonable for this charitable contribution, think about buying smaller sized jars! Thank you for all you do for these families in need.



West Suburban  
Alliance of  
Gay and  
Lesbian  
Youth

After a fast game of “Zip Zap Zop” at Monday nights **WAGLY** meeting, the youth started a wish list of books and videos for its new lending library. This was followed by the “stereotypes game” which led to intense discussions as we named societal stereotypes often associate with gay, lesbian, and trans. We noticed that stereotypes of gays and lesbians usually had to do with appearance and not all of them were negative, but stereotypes of transgendered people more often were about psychological and mental health states. Time ran out before we had the opportunity to discuss how these stereotypes of GLBTQ people are changing in today’s times. Next week: Glee! On the horizon – Washington State is about to become the 7th state to allow same-sex marriage, and Australia will be adding a third gender box on its official forms.

Voting for **HS’s ECC House of Laity and House of Pastor delegates** will take place over the next few weeks. At this time, the ballot will name Roberta Robinson nominee as delegate to the HOP to serve along with myself, and Donna Bosco, nominee as delegate to the HOL (with one HOP delegate position still available). Nomination of any registered member for the HOL will be accepted the voting period. Physical ballots will be available at Liturgy and Absent ballots will be accepted by email sent by Feb. 12th to the Steering Committee [sc@holyspiritboston.org](mailto:sc@holyspiritboston.org) Note that the ECC Synod will be held the fourth week in October in Orange, CA. More details to come as the date draws closer.



**Holy Spirit's 2012 Budget** is finalized and copies will be available at Liturgy over the next few weeks. Stay tuned to fun-raising activities and events being planned to help meet our operational expenses and ministry dreams for the year!

Want to contribute thoughts and ideas for worship during the Liturgical Season of Lent? Join us for a **Liturgy Meeting** next Tuesday evening, January 31 7:00pm at Arlene's home 75 Canavan Circle, Needham.

## **LOOKING AHEAD & AROUND TOWN...**

### Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> 7:00-9:00pm:



**Is Intimacy with God Possible? (The mystical traditions of Christianity and Hinduism)** presented by Richard Buck *is extended for a third session!* These past two weeks, attendees have been exploring mysticism from the point of view of Judaism, Christianity, and Hinduism. This study of mysticism has taken its cue from the Hebrew-Christian Bible, the Hindu scriptures (Bhagavad-Gita), and the contemplative and learned insights of certain chosen mystics from the Christian and Hindu traditions. The deep contemplative work of the Holy masters has always provided the human race with worthwhile insights into the nature of the world and the hidden mysteries of God. This class will afford participants a chance to learn, ask questions, and to share some of their own thoughts on this timely subject in the face of waning religious interest in our society. **This third session is scheduled for Wednesday evening February 1 from 7-9 also at Rice House.** All are welcome to attend and a love-offering to help with the cost of the class is greatly appreciated.

Richard has been one of the new smiling faces at HS within the past several months. Here is a short bio to introduce him further... **Richard Buck** has been teaching Old and New Testament scripture classes in the Boston area for the past ten years. He earned a BA degree in Sociology from Boston University, a Master of Science degree from the University of MA at Lowell, additionally two Masters degrees (MTS and STL) in theology, with a concentration in Biblical studies from the Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Cambridge. Richard was baptized and confirmed a Christian in the 1<sup>st</sup> Methodist church and in 1996, converted to Roman Catholicism through an RCIA program at St. Eulalia parish in Winchester, MA. He is married and lives in Winchester.

### Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00-9:00pm:

**“Beyond Our Differences” A Filmed Commentary** ran on Bill Moyers Journal on Dec. 26, 2008...a remarkable film that focuses upon the idea that religion (s) and humankind should make an effort to realize that all religions and peoples have much in common, and good reason to explore the positive likes and ignore the negative dislikes that cause wars and so very much suffering. Saint Susanna Parish Hall, 262 Needham Street, Dedham. No pre-registration required, voluntary donations to cover costs are gratefully accepted.

**Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm:**

**Holy Spirit Community monthly POT LUCK** held in Parish Hall immediately following our 5pm liturgy. Bring a favorite dish, dessert or drink to share. Invite friends and family!

**Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00-7:45pm:**

Our **TAIZE Prayer Service** draws from contemplative roots. Scripture readings and cyclical music are central to the worship time and allows the participants to center their thoughts on prayerful silence and reflection. The service is held in the intimate space of the UU Chapel in candlelight.

**Friday—Sunday, March 9-11, 2012**

Explore Christ consciousness, the essence of luminosity, the state of enlightenment and our divine-human nature at this year's **Lenten Retreat**—ALL ARE WELCOME to gather for a time of nourishing body, mind and spirit and communing with God in nature and each other at The Franciscan House, Kennebunk, ME *[Flyer on next page.](#)*



Blessings,  
Rosa+

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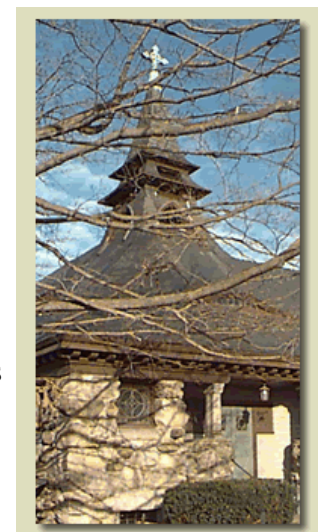
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# Lenten Retreat



Open Your Heart  
Expand Your Mind  
Unite With God

Explore Christ consciousness, the essence of luminosity, the state of enlightenment and our divine-human nature.

When: March 9-11, 2012

Where: Franciscan Guest House  
Kennebunkport, Maine

Cost: \$185.00 Single / \$135.00 Double  
per person/weekend. Includes breakfast,  
Friday night dinner, Saturday lunch.

Registration: Contact Roberta Robinson: 617-835-1422  
or [Roberta\\_robinson@hotmail.com](mailto:Roberta_robinson@hotmail.com) with room  
request. Payment in full must be received by  
Feb. 26, 2012. Checks Payable to Holy Spirit  
Catholic Community.

All are welcome - A Lenten Retreat experienced through the spiritual practices of lectio divina, meditation, contemplation, singing, sacred movement, morning and evening prayer services, community meals & Eucharist. Held on the beautiful grounds of the Franciscan Guest House, you are within walking distance to Lower Village shopping, restaurants and ocean.

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