SPEAKERS / PRESENTERS / INSTRUCTORS

“*” Indicates mini-courses or breakouts

Tom Acemoglu

E08 Going, Going, Gone: Why and How Young People are Leaving the Church... and What We Can Do About It?
TT-1B* Saints who Struggle (Breakout)
I04 Introduction to Christian Scripture
J03 Introduction to Hebrew Scripture

Tom Acemoglu is the Pastoral Associate for Evangelization and Catechesis at St. Ambrose Church in Latham.

David Amico

BA1* Catechesis & Evangelization: Here & Now (Mini)
BB1* Supervising the Parish Catechetical/Youth Ministry Leader (Mini)
CA1* Called to Catechetical Ministry? Who? Me? (Mini)
FB1* God Calls: We Respond, but How? (Mini)
K01 Church

David Amico is the Director of the Albany Diocese’s Office of Lay Ministry & Parish Faith Formation.

Nicholas Ascioti

C05 Prayer: Keeping the Lines of Communication Open
I07 Introduction to the Catechism of the Catholic Church

Nicholas Ascioti serves as the Music Director for Parish and School of St. Jude the Apostle in Wynantskill. In addition to his Music Ministry he is the Faith Formation Director for St. Jude School and the RCIA Director for St. Jude Church. Nicholas is currently a Diaconate Candidate for the Albany Diocese.

Deacon Walter Ayres

H05 Civil Dialogue in the Church and World

Deacon Walter Ayres is the Director of the Albany Diocese's Commission on Peace and Justice.

Julie Bablin

C10 The Gift of Walking with Our Aged

Julie A. Bablin, PhD, MATS is the Director, Spiritual Care Department at St. Mary’s Healthcare. She is a member of New Dimensions in Healthcare(affiliated with Liberty ARC) Board of directors, the Albany Diocesan Pastoral Care Commission, National Association of Catholic Chaplains (NACC) and the National Association for Holistic Aromatherapy.

Linda Banker

F09 How to Organize and Support a Parish Pastoral Care Ministry

Linda Banker is the Pastoral Associate for Pastoral Care at St. Henry’s in Averill Park.
Mari Barboza

*HA1*  **Forming Global Disciples (Mini)**  
**I11  Forming Global Disciples**

Maria Isabel (Mari) Barboza works for Catholic Relief Services, as a Relationship Manager in the Northeast Region, covering 9 dioceses in northern New York and New England. She has served in this role since 2006, where she strives to raise awareness on global issues and develop collaborative relationships with Catholic institutions to promote global solidarity. She began her career with CRS in 2000, as a Project Manager in Kenya and Zambia and has also served in the Latin American Regional Team. Before joining CRS, Mari worked for the Inter-American Foundation and served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Guatemala. Her presentations at this year’s Spring Enrichment are courtesy of Catholic Relief Services.

David Barocsi

*H04  Liturgy 101*

David Barocsi is a religion consultant with Pflaum Publishing and is based in Utica, NY. His presentation at Spring Enrichment is courtesy of Pflaum Publishing.

Father Anthony Barratt

**E07  Encountering the Living Christ through the Sacraments, Part 1 of 2**  
**F06  Encountering the Living Christ through the Sacraments, Part 2 of 2**  
**G02  Introduction to the Theology of the Body**

Fr. Anthony Barratt is Pastor of Holy Trinity Parish in Hudson/Germantown, is a formator for the Diaconate Formation program and a member of the Priesthood/Vocations Team of the Albany Diocese. He is also an adjunct professor at St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry and serves as Director of the Albany Diocese’s Office of Prayer and Worship.

Barbara Berger

**E06  Psychology of the Learner**

Barbara Berger is the Director of Faith Formation & Youth Ministry at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Troy.

Deacon Frank Berning

**E10  The Changing Landscape: Collaboration Leads to Dynamic Growth**

Deacon Frank Berning is the Director of Pastoral Planning and is also Director of the Albany Site for St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry.

Maureen D. Bernstein

**J11  What you should know about Problem Gambling**

Maureen D. Bernstein is currently the Interim Director of Prevention Services and a Prevention Educator for the Albany Diocese’s schools. She has a Masters in Social Work Management from SUNYA. Maureen has also been a practitioner in the field, a Social Justice Coordinator for Catholic Schools, a Youth Minister for the Diocese, and a teacher.

Lori Biskup

**E11  If You Don’t Plan it Who Will?**

Lori Biskup refers to herself as “The person you want to know before you need to know me.” A reluctant cemeterian at first, she has fallen in love with her ministry and has become a passionate advocate of pre-planning.
Anne Borghetti

*E10*  *The Changing Landscape: Collaboration Leads to Dynamic Growth*

Anne Borghetti works for St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry and the Diocesan Office of Pastoral Planning. In her free time she volunteers as a catechist at St. Pius X in Loudonville, and is pursuing her Master’s degree at St. Bernard’s.

Dr. Christopher Bott

*IA1*  *How do Catholic parents choose schools?*

Dr. Christopher Bott’s professional qualifications include permanent NYS teacher and administrator certifications. He earned his Ph.D. in Educational Policy and Leadership at the University at Albany and was acknowledged in 2012 as the Bishop Howard Hubbard Distinguished Principal. He is currently serving in his 13th year as a school administrator in the Diocese of Albany.

Fr. Patrick J. Butler

*B02*  *The Infancy Narratives: And She Laid Him in a Manager – As Food for us all, Part 1 of 4*

*C06*  *The Infancy Narratives: And She Laid Him in a Manager – As Food for us all, Part 2 of 4*

*I14*  *The Judeo-Christian Contribution to the Rise of Science*

*J08*  *The Infancy Narratives: And She Laid Him in a Manager – As Food for us all, Part 3 of 4*

*K04*  *The Infancy Narratives: And She Laid Him in a Manager – As Food for us all, Part 4 of 4*

Fr. Patrick J. Butler is the Pastor of St. Edward the Confessor in Clifton Park.

Margaret Capozzola

*G04*  *EVERYONE BELONGS: Strategies to foster inclusion of children with special needs in a religion class*

Margaret Capozzola has worked with adults and children with developmental disabilities for 30 years and has 20 years of experience working with school age children on the autism spectrum.

Phyllis Cardona

*B03*  *Parables, Part 1 of 2*

*C07*  *Parables, Part 2 of 2*

Phyllis Cardona is a retired catechetical leader and a long-time instructor at Spring Enrichment and the Kateri Institute. A retreat director and adult faith formation educator, she has a Masters in Theology and Ministry from St. Bernard’s in Albany.

Maria Collins

*G01*  *Catechetical Techniques*

*IC4*  *Crafty Catechetics*

*J03*  *Catechetical Tools & Resources*

Maria Collins has been blessed with a husband, a son, a daughter, and a dog. She enjoyed almost nine years as coordinator of Faith Formation at the Church of the Holy Spirit East Greenbush and earned a Master's degree in Pastoral Studies from St. Bernard's in 2016. She is now in her second year working at Holy Spirit School in a classroom of four year olds.
Robert Conway  
*B04* *The History of the Liturgy, Part 1 of 2*  
*F05* *The History of the Liturgy, Part 2 of 2*  
Robert Conway, M.Div, J.D., is an instructor for the Kateri Institute for Lay Ministry Formation and a presenter at other diocesan adult education and parish faith formation programs.

Laura Countryman  
*TT-2B* *Conversations in an “Us” vs “Them” World*  
Laura Countryman is the Pastoral Associate for Lifelong Faith at Holy Spirit in East Greenbush and the Pastoral Associate for Sacramental Preparation at Our Lady of Faith in Delanson.

Becky Craig  
*C10* *The Gift of Walking with our Aged*  
Becky Craig has been working in her present position as pastoral associate for Pastoral Care at St. Clement’s Church in Saratoga Springs since 2013. Prior to this, she was a RN at Maplewood Manor Nursing Home in Ballston Spa for 15 years.

Thomas Cronin  
*BA1* *Catechesis & Evangelization: Here & Now*  
*ID4* *Evangelization and the Catholic School*  
Thomas Cronin is Advisor to the Bishop for Family & Parish Evangelization in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany; Chair of the Diocesan CYO Commission; and Founder of Pray 60. Tom has more than 20 years of parish leadership experience in a variety of roles and after 23 years in corporate sales, marketing, and business development, He resigned from the corporate world to answer a vocational calling to work for the Catholic Church.

Fr. Mark Cunningham  
*B01* *Introduction to the Creed*  
Fr. Mark Cunningham is the Pastor of St. Francis de Sales Parish in Herkimer and the former Dean for Herkimer County.

Fr. Christopher DeGiovine  
*I10* *And You Thought there was only one way to be Church?*  
*J09* *What Might Tomorrow’s Church look like?*  
Fr. Christopher DeGiovine is currently pastor of St. Matthew’s Church in Voorheesville. Fr Chris was Dean of Spiritual Life and Chaplain at the College of Saint Rose for 25 years and was also an adjunct professor at St. Bernard’s Institute of Theology and at the College of St. Rose. He has been a workshop presenter on a variety of theological and pastoral topics.

Sr. Rita Jean DuBrey, CSJ  
*E09* *Healing Touch*  
*F07* *Tai Chi Chih: Relaxation Through a Moving Meditation*  
Sr. Rita Jean DuBrey, CSJ, is the Director of the Center for Complementary Therapies at St. Mary's Hospital, Amsterdam. She is a certified practitioner/instructor of Healing Touch.
Brian Evers

G10  Together on the Journey: Receiving Christ and Bringing Christ to Others – Training for Teens

TT-2A*  Using the Remote to Find Jesus

IC3*  Controlling your Own Drawbridge: Boundaries for Leaders

Brian Evers is the Associate Director for Safe Environments with the Albany Diocese’s Human Resources Department and previously served as Pastoral Associate for Youth Ministry at St. Pius X in Loudonville.

Grace Fay

K06  Mental Health, Faith & Self-Care: Three terms that are not likely to be used together

Grace Fay is the Youth Minister at Our Lady of Grace Church, Ballston Lake & St. Joseph's Church, Scotia. She is the Chairperson for the Diocesan Mental Health Committee, working on breaking the stigma surrounding mental health, and is also the Girl Scout representative on the Diocesan Committee on Scouting.

Mary Fay

FC1*  The Importance of Understanding Sabbath

I06  Understanding the Gift of our Sexuality

Mary Fay is the Associate Director for Marriage Formation Ministry and Family Life with the Office of Lay Ministry & Parish Faith Formation.

Matt Flanagan

I15  Finding Divinity in the Music and Poetry of Bob Dylan

Matt Flanagan is graduate of the University of Notre Dame, where he studied math, science, and theology. He has taught math and science at St. Pius X for over 20 years, and served that parish as its Confirmation coordinator for several years as well.

Dona Fragnoli

D08  Peace be with you: Seeking Work/Life Balance in a Complex World

H06  Nurturing the Well-Planted Seed: Bringing out the Best in our Children

K05  Bridges out of Poverty

Dona Fragnoli is the founder of “The Pebble Effect”, creating presentations and workshops that emphasize the spiritual aspects of child & elder care, stress management, wellness and communication. She is a certified trainer for Virtus, Bridges Out of Poverty and The City Mission of Schenectady. She has served in a variety of ministries, including REC and Cursillo, and held many leadership positions with Immaculate Conception, Glenville. She is host of The Pebble Effect radio show on WOPG.

Fr. Richard Fragomeni

A01  Savoring the Wonderous Gift: Appreciating the Eucharistic in our Daily Lives

D01  The Communion of Saints: The Mystical Heart of Christianity

Fr. Richard Fragomeni is a priest of the Albany Diocese and Professor of Liturgy and Homiletics at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where he is also Chair of the Department of Word and Worship. He has written widely on liturgy, music, symbolism, the Catechumenate, the Eucharist and liturgies with children, among other subjects. Fr. Fragomeni also serves as rector of the Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii, an Italian-American parish in Chicago’s Little Italy.
Rosemary Gavin

\[ TT-1C^* \text{ Different Ways of Praying} \]
\[ I03 \text{ A Vision of Youth Ministry} \]
\[ K02 \text{ “Normal” is a Setting on your Dryer, all Kids are “Special”} \]

Rosemary Gavin is the Pastoral Associate for Teen Faith Formation & Youth Ministry at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Latham.

Marcus A. Gigliotti

\[ E02 \text{ How Catholic Read the Bible 1: The Hebrew Scripture} \]
\[ F03 \text{ How Catholics Read the Bible 2: The Christian Scripture} \]

Marcus A. Gigliotti, STL, SSL, is an Adjunct Professor of Biblical Studies at St. Bernard's School of Theology & Ministry in Albany and at Siena College in Loudonville.

Marni Gillard

\[ D04 \text{ Acting out the Bible Stories to Internalize Layers of Meaning} \]
\[ G09 \text{ Life Stories, our Spiritual Guides} \]
\[ IC2^* \text{ How Storytelling in Religion, Language or History Class Develops Students’ Voices} \]

Marni Gillard teaches the art of storytelling to people of all ages. A graduate of St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry, she belongs to St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish in Schenectady.

Tara Griffin

\[ G07 \text{ Covenants of Scripture I: Covenants of the Old Testament} \]
\[ H04 \text{ Covenants of Scripture 2: The New & Everlasting Covenant} \]

Tara Griffin is a Theology teacher at Catholic Central High School in Troy, NY. Before receiving a BA in Human Development with a Psychology concentration she pursued a double major in Theology & Catechetics at Franciscan University of Steubenville.

Sr. Eleanor Guerin

\[ B10 \text{ Listening as Prayer} \]

Sr. Eleanor Guerin, a Sister of Mercy, is a Pastoral Associate at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Albany, doing outreach to the sick, elderly, bereaved and senior members of the parish. Additionally, she is involved in a freelance Spiritual and Personal Develop Ministry. She holds a M. A. in education from SUNY Albany and an M.A. in theology from St. Michael’s College, Colchester, VT.

Sr. Kitty Hanley

\[ B09 \text{ Finding Prayer Everywhere} \]

Sr. Kitty Hanley, CSJ, formerly Associate Dean and Director of St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry, currently directs the Holy Ground program to form spiritual directors for the Consultation Center of the Albany Diocese.

Mary Harrison

\[ H09 \text{ Spirituality of the Leader: Transformed in Christ’s Image} \]
\[ J07 \text{ Evangelization & Outreach} \]
\[ K08 \text{ The Pastoral Council as Evangelizing Leaders} \]
Mary Harrison is a consultant, trainer and workshop presenter for parish pastoral council planning and development, evangelization and parish leadership. She also serves as a retreat facilitator and as adjunct faculty in the National Certificate Program for Youth Ministry sponsored by the Center for Ministry Development.

**Tom Horn**

*G03  Introduction to Morality*

Tom Horn has been a teacher in public and private schools for 33 years, the last three teaching theology at Catholic Central HS in Troy. He has also been a parish catechist for 25 years.

**Most Rev. Howard J. Hubbard**

*A01  Celebrant of our Opening Mass*

*F01  Pope Francis: Six New Beatitudes for the Church in the Modern World*

Most Rev. Howard J. Hubbard served as the ninth Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany from 1977 through April, 2014. He is now Bishop Emeritus of the Albany Diocese.

**Marge Jones**

*C10  The Gift of Walking with our Aged*

Marge Jones, RN is the Pastoral Care Coordinator/Parish Nurse at Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Latham. This graduate of St. Peter’s Hospital School of Nursing also serves as a 6th Grade catechist in the parish’s faith formation program and as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist as well as on the Diocesan Commission for Pastoral Care.

**Fr. James J. Kane**

*H02  Islam 101*

*K03  Women in the Old Testament*

Fr. James J. Kane (H02 & K03) is a retired priest but continues to serve as the Diocese’s Director of Ecumenical & Interreligious Affairs.

**Kathy Kavanaugh**

*F09  How to Organize and Support a Parish Pastoral Care Ministry*

Kathy Kavanaugh has been the Coordinator of Visitation Ministry for Church of Christ the King in Guilderland for 33 years, where she coordinates outreach services for Christ the King and as a volunteer in the greater Capital District. She has served on the Diocesan Pastoral Care Commission since its inception.

**Fr. Thomas Konopka**

*D09  Pastoral Care of the Mentally Ill: Building a Parish Ministry*

*J05  Images of God*

Fr. Thomas Konopka is pastor at The Church of St Mary in Clinton Heights, the sacramental minister for the Church of St John/St Joseph in Rensselaer, is a licensed clinical social worker and the Director of the Consultation Center.

**Michael Kosar**

*I02  The Call & Mission of the Catholic School Teacher*

Michael Kosar is the principal of Holy Spirit School in East Greenbush. He formerly taught Religion and Social Studies at Blessed Sacrament School in Albany before moving into administration.
Marylin T. Kravatz-Toolan

- GC1* Adolescents and Faith: Helping Parents to Make the Connection
- I01 Navigating Discipleship with Adolescents
- J01 Catholic Identity in Catholic Elementary Education

Marylin T. Kravatz-Toolan, Ph.D., (GC1*, I01 & J01) was, until recently, the Executive Director of the Online Graduate Programs in Religious Education and Assistant Professor in Religious Studies and Religious Education at Felician University. Dr. Kravatz-Toolan holds a M.A. in Religious Studies from the Institute of Religious Studies, St. Joseph’s Seminary, Dunwoodie, NY., and a Ph.D. in Religious Education from Fordham University, Bronx, N.Y. She has been a Parish Catechetical Leader for the Archdiocese of NY and Regional Director for the Office of Faith Formation in the Diocese of Charlotte, NC. Dr. Kravatz-Toolan also serves as an independent educator/teacher for catechist training and formation. Her presentations at Spring Enrichment are courtesy of Sadlier Religion.

Dr. Shannon Lenet

- B05 Morality for All Ages, Part 1 of 2
- CB1* Women in the Gospel of Luke
- D07 Morality for All Ages, Part 2 of 2

Dr. Shannon Lenet is a retired high school teacher and college professor, but continues to teach an ethics course at Avila Institute of Gerontology.

Maryann Louison

- B06 Family: The Domestic Church (You’re the Church, yes you)
- I08 Introduction to the Liturgical Year
- ID3* It Only Takes a Minute: Pause

Maryann Louison is a Prevention Educator with Catholic Charities of Fulton-Montgomery Counties and has ministered in catechetical leadership, served as a catechist for pre-K to high school and adults, and worked in pastoral care for many years.

Beth Lynch

- I09 St. Kateri Tekakwitha: Drawn to the Eucharist

Beth Lynch is the Manager of the Saints of Auriesville Museum at the Auriesville Shrine, and has been affiliated with the Auriesville story for ten years. She has been featured in five EWTN programs, and gives presentations on the North American Martyrs and St. Kateri Tekakwitha.

Fr. Joseph Mali

- E11 If You Don’t Plan it, Who Will?

Fr. Joseph Mali is a priest in the Roman Catholic tradition who was born and raised in Nigeria. He has served as the Catholic Chaplain of Bard College and at St. Francis Hospital in Poughkeepsie before coming to Albany where he is now chaplain at St. Peter’s Health Partners.

Anne Masters

- C04 From Inclusion to Belonging – Nurturing Discipleship of Individuals with Disabilities
- CC1* One Body in Christ: Sacrament Preparation and Participation in Liturgy for Individuals with Disabilities

Anne Masters, M.A., FAAIDD is the Director of Pastoral Ministry with Persons with Disabilities for the Archdiocese of Newark. She has presented on inclusive catechetical and pastoral practices in the US and Europe. Anne contributes to the work of the National Catholic Partnership on Disability and has worked with Our Sunday Visitor and the
University of Dayton VLCFF program as writer and designer for pastoral practices supporting the meaningful participation of individuals with disabilities in the life of the Church. She is the author of *Pastoral Ministry WITH Persons WITH Disabilities Parish Resource Guide*.

**Mary V. Mawn**

*J12 Introduction to PowerPoint*

Mary V. Mawn, Ph.D, M.Ed., is an Associate Professor with the Center for Distance Learning at Empire State College and has been a catechist at Christ our Light Catholic Church in Loudonville.

**Stephen M. Mawn**

*D02 Creative Discipline with Children*

*EB1* Resources and Opportunities for Catechist Formation

*G05 Use of Media & Resources*

*ID2* Resources and Opportunities for Catechist Formation

*J04 Introduction to the Creed*

Stephen M. Mawn is the Diocese’s Director of Catechist Formation with the Catholic School Office and director of Spring Enrichment. Originally a catechist in Westchester County, he has also directed parish programs in the Bronx and Loudonville.

**Fr. David Mickiewicz**

*B07 Eastern Christian Churches*

*C08 There is a Crack in Everything…*

Fr. David Mickiewicz is pastor of Saint Mary’s Parish, Oneonta and Sacramental Minister of Holy Cross, Morris. He holds degrees in music and theology and serves on the Diocesan Liturgical Commission, the Music Subcommittee and The Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs.

**Sr. Monica Murphy**

*B08 Planning and Leading Retreats, Evenings of Reflection, etc.*

*D05 Leading Prayer with Adults*

*G06 Exploring the Scriptures with Adolescents*

Sr. Monica Murphy, CSJ, is the Director of Guidance at Catholic Central High School in Troy and the Director of the Pyramid Life Center.

**Sr. Linda Neil**

*J13 Living Simply in a Consumer Society*

Sr. Linda Neil, CSJ, is co-director of St. Joseph’s Place in Schenectady. She is a presenter and retreat director with a focus on Encountering Earth.

**Lauren Numerich**

*TT-1D* Confessions of a Missionary

Lauren Numerich (TT-1D*) is the Youth & Young Adult Minister for St. Pius X Church in Loudonville. After receiving her Bachelor’s in Religious Studies, she lived as a missionary for three years and is keen to share the fruits of this experience with others.
Chris Padgett

F02  Rekindled: How to Stay on Fire Without Burning Out
Be the Church Now

Chris Padgett has been doing ministry around the country for over a decade. Using the medium of music and message he has attempted to communicate the truth of Christ’s love and furtiveness in a way that makes a difference. His presentations, concerts and articles convey the importance of who Jesus is and what He has, is and will do in the lives of His people. Chris has a master’s in theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH and has begun doctoral work in Marian studies at the International Marian Research Institute in Dayton, OH.

Nancy Paino

C01  The Call & Mission of the Catechist & Youth Minister
H08  Bereavement Ministry in Today’s World for Children and Teens

Nancy Paino is Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation and Youth Ministry at Christ the King Church, Guilderland.

Arlene Parisi

BC1*  Evangelizing and Catechizing Children and Families with Special Needs

Arlene Parisi is the Director of Faith Formation (Grades Pre-K to 11 and special needs) for five churches in Schenectady. A catechist for over thirty years, Arlene also worked at BOCES for twenty years and is the Director of a special needs program called “the Rainbow of Friends”.

Katie Parisi

BC1*  Evangelizing and Catechizing Children and Families with Special Needs

Katie Parisi is the Administrator of Faith Formation and special needs for five parishes in Schenectady and has been a catechist for over twenty years. Currently enrolled in the Kateri Institute for Lay Ministry, she has worked for over thirteen years in Wildwood programs.

Tim Potrikus

G11  Vibrant Parish Communication Strategies
IB1*  Your Bulletin: On Mission for Evangelization
JB1*  Essentials of Online Giving: Inviting Catholics to be Generous

Tim Potrikus is Vice President of Development at LPi. Tim grew up in Cooperstown, and joined the Connecticut office of LPi in 1992. He works in dioceses throughout North American and speaks at regional and national conferences on strategies for building vibrant Catholic communities.

Ann M. Pawlik

G10  Together on the Journey: Receiving Christ and Bringing Christ to Others – Training for Teens

Ann M. Pawlik is the Campus Minister at Catholic Central High School in Troy. In addition, she has taught at both the elementary and middle school levels in our diocese and the Diocese of Worcester, MA. for 41 years.

Peace & Justice Commission

H05  Civil Dialogue in the Church and the World
Jeanne T. Pitkin

*B10*  *Listening as Prayer*

Jeanne T. Pitkin is the former Associate for Pastoral Care at St. Pius X Church, Loudonville.

Michael E. Pizzingrillo

*I13*  *Do Emotions Matter?*

Michael E. Pizzingrillo is currently the Regional Vice President of Catapult Learning where he leads their operations in the greater New York City region. He served as Superintendent of Schools in the Albany Diocese for five years and prior to that served as deputy and associate superintendent of schools in the Diocese of Brooklyn where he had also served as a principal and teacher. His appearance at Spring Enrichment is courtesy of Catapult Learning.

Jennifer Pratt

*G04*  *Everyone Belongs: Strategies to Foster Inclusion of Children with Special Needs in a Religious Education Class*

Jennifer Pratt has a BS in Psychology MS Ed in Special education and has taught for 15 years in special education classes.

Loretta Putorti

*E05*  *Components of Catholic Youth Ministry I*

*F04*  *Components of Catholic Youth Ministry II*

Loretta Putorti has been a longtime instructor at Spring Enrichment and is currently the Faith Formation Director for St. Mary’s Church, Crescent.

Cathy Reid

*TT-1A*  *Pop Culture*

*TT-2D*  *Forming Authentic Relationships*

Cathy Reid is the Catholic Campus Minister for the University at Albany and the Director of Campus Ministry for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany. She holds a master’s in theological studies from Emory University and has a longstanding love for the intersection of Christianity and popular culture.

Laetitia Rhatigan

*E04*  *What you should know about Mary*

Laetitia Rhatigan, STD, completed her doctoral degree in Sacred Theology at the University of Dayton, specializing in Mariology.

Randy Rivers

*H07*  *Catholic on a Field of Dreams*

*I12*  *Movies that Have Messages that Engage People’s Faith*

Randy Rivers is the Coordinator of Youth Ministry and Confirmation Preparation at St. Clement’s Roman Catholic Parish in Saratoga Springs.

Michael Rivest

*D06*  *Who was Jesus, Really?*

*I05*  *Jesus: Who do you say that I am?*
Michael Rivest is a graduate of St. Bernard's Institute and former religion writer for the Albany Times Union. He has been a journalist in Israel and is currently an instructor at both the College of St. Rose and Hudson Valley Community College.

**Kristine Rooney**

**E03** *Jesus: Who do you say that I am?*

Kristine Rooney has an M.A. in Pastoral Studies from St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry, and she is a Pastoral Associate for Pastoral Care and Adult Faith Formation at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish in Schenectady. Kris is certified in spiritual direction through the Holy Ground program of the Albany Diocese.

**Scott Rutan**

**C09** *Engagement vs. Involvement*

**DA1** *Echoes 3.0 Orientation & Training*

Scott Rutan has been the Upstate NY Sales Representative for RCL Benziger Publishers since 2011. Prior to that he spent almost 30 years as a Catechetical Leader at both the parish and diocesan levels. A major focus of his work has been on catechetical methodology as well as the relationship between catechesis and liturgy. Scott’s presentations at Spring Enrichment are courtesy of RCL Benziger.

**Most Rev. Edward B. Scharfenberger**

**E01** *Catholic Social Teaching 101*

**Be the Church Now – Closing**

**IC1** *Lunchtime Q&A with Bishop Ed (especially for people working with teens)*

**ID1** *Lunchtime Q&A with Bishop Ed (especially for people working with children in elementary grades)*

Most Rev. Edward B. Scharfenberger was ordained and installed as the Albany Diocese’s tenth bishop on April 10, 2014. In addition to being a Canon Lawyer, he is also a civil lawyer and served as the Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of Brooklyn and as an instructor in Moral Theology.

**Elizabeth Schlesier-Flaska**

**FA1** *How do we discover god in the Movies we watch with our children and preteens?*

Elizabeth Schlesier-Flaska is a former Catholic school teacher (both in the Archdiocese of NY and the Albany Diocese) who will be marking 20 years of serving as a parish catechetical leader this summer. She currently serves as the Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation at Christ our Light Catholic Church in Loudonville.

**Elizabeth Simcoe**

**J10** *Celebrating the Mass with Children*

**K07** *Touching the Holy: Theological Reflection*

Elizabeth Simcoe is the Parish Life Director at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Albany and previously served the Albany Diocese as Chancellor for Pastoral Services and Director of Catholic Faith Formation and the Office of Prayer and Worship.

**Joyce Solimini**

**BB1** *Supervising the Parish Catechetical/Youth Ministry Leader*

**C03** *Resources for Adult Faith Formation in the Parish*

**H01** *The Adult as Faith Learner*
Joyce Solimini is the Associate Director for Adult, Intergenerational & Sacramental Catechesis with the Office of Lay Ministry & Parish Faith Formation. She is a member of the Christian Initiation Subcommittee of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission.

David Stagliano

- C02  Adolescent Catechesis
- D03  Adolescent Discipleship
- E08  Going, Going, Gone: Why and How Young People are Leaving the Church... and What We Can Do About It

David Stagliano is currently the Associate Director for College Campus Ministry and Coordinator for Youth and Young Adult Ministry with the Diocesan Campus Ministry Office.

Deacon Bob Sweeney

- E11  If You Don’t Plan it Who Will?

Deacon Bob Sweeney is assigned to St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Troy, NY as Parish Deacon and is also Pastoral Care Director for the parish. Bob is also a chaplain at Albany Medical Center and serves on the Diocese Commission for Pastoral Care and trains deacons in the practicums at Albany Medical Center. He attended Providence College and was ordained in the Albany Diocese in May of 2013.

Fran Rossi Szpylczyn

- F08  Walking in Faith: Prayer in Every Step we take

Fran Rossi Szpylczyn is a writer, speaker, and retreat leader, focusing on the integration of faith and daily life. Her work regularly appears in Give Us This Day. She is the Pastoral Associate for Administration at Immaculate Conception in Glenville, and a parishioner at St Edward the Confessor in Clifton Park.

Rich Touchette

- JB1*  Parish Cemetery Apostolate

Rich Touchette has been a Catholic cemeterian for 34 years and now manages 18 diocesan cemeteries and offers support to the 75 parish cemeteries in the Albany Diocese. He is a graduate of the University of Missouri and holds an MBA from the University of Houston. He and his family live in Coeymans and are members of St. Patrick’s Church in Ravena.

Mark Trudeau

- TT-2C*  Finding God Online

Mark Trudeau has been a catechist for 31 years, focusing on the high school level for the past 15 years. His relationships, motivation and purpose for all that he does centers on his love and relationship with Jesus Christ.

Sharon Zavadil

- C10  The Gift of Walking with Our Aged

Sharon Zavadil is a thirty year member of Christ Community Reformed Church in Clifton Park and has been serving as their Pastoral Care Associate since 2006. She is a Stephen Ministry Leader since 1995 and facilitates both a monthly Women’s Bible Study and bi-monthly Care Giver Support Group. Prior to her retirement from working at the Saratoga County Maplewood Manor long term care facility in Ballston Spa, she served as a Nursing Supervisor from 1990-2001. In 2001, she founded Pastoral Care Services at Maplewood directing it until her retirement in 2005.