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List of Speakers

March 2006 Speaker: Fr. Steve

Topic: Lent

April 2006 Spring Retreat

Personal Transformation: Our Response to God's Love"

A Lenten retreat offers the time to pause, reflect on, and "savor" our

experience of Christ's unconditional love and our personal

transformation as we respond to that love.

Retreat Coordinator: Bob "Ski"

Retreat Master: Sr. Anne Wente, RSCJ

May 2006 Speaker: Deacon Mitch Rennix

Topic: The Blessed Mother, A Gift for All Ages

June 2006 Speaker: Fr. Steve

Topic: What's my vocation...everyone has one!

July 2006 Holiday Weekend

August 2006 Speaker: John Nadworny and those who made the trip to Africa.

Topic: The African Mission Trip

Come join us as we listen about their experiences.

September 2006 Holiday Weekend

October 2006 Speaker: Deacon Ken Finn

Topic: Are We Called to be Activists or Pacifists?

November 2006 Speaker: Deacon Charlie Frice

Topic: The Mass

How we got it, how it was shaped, particularly in the early years of

our faith, and what that means for us as worshippers now.

Specifically, Deacon Frice will show the earliest "Mass" in the letter of Paul to the Corinthians and about 100 years after that, the writings of St. Justin the Martyr, and some comments on our

current celebration of the Eucharist.

December 2006 Speaker: Madre Antonia

If you have not heard Madre speak....you must make the time. She

truly is a living saint!

January 2007 Holiday Weekend

February 2007 Speaker: Father Steve

Topic: Lent...What's It All About?

March 2007 No "Uncorked" Night of Music and Song in Memory of Tracy Favreau

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April 2007 Holiday Weekend May 2007 June 2007 Speaker: Mary Dawn Reavey Mary Dawn Reavey, pediatric nurse practitioner/missionary with her Intensive Day Therapy kids in Tegeta, Tanzania Africa. The Love and Mercy Coalition founded by Mary Dawn supports the children of Tegeta, helping with their medical, educational, spiritual and emotional needs. July 2007 Speaker: Fr. Craig Topic: Mass in Slow Motion August 2007 Holiday Weekend September 2007 October 2007 Speaker: Fr. Steven Larion As many of you know, Fr. Steven has joined us here at St. Brigid's. Come and meet Father and listen as he shares his call to be a priest. November 2007 December 2007 Speaker: Moira Noonan Topic: The Holy Spirit: The Giver of Great Gifts and How They Differ From the Counterfeit Gifts Speaker: Deacon Mike Daniels January 2008 Topic: Your New Year! Speaker: Father Gil Gentile, SJ February 2008 Topic: Blessings I have received working with God's poor March 2008 Speaker: Fr. Matt Spahr Topic: The History of Lent April 2008 Speaker: Fr. Anthony Saroki Come listen to Fr. Saroki's story. He will also talk about your vocation: Single, Married, Religious. Look at how God is calling you to live. No "Uncorked" Cinco de Mayo Party May 2008

June 2008

Speaker: Fr. John

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July 2008 Holiday Weekend

August 2008 Speakers: Sr Monica, Sr Lupita and Sr Fatima

Topic: Mother Lillie and the Trinitarians of Mary

September 2008 Holiday Weekend

October 2008 Speaker: Fr. Steve McCall

Topic: Prayer and Contemplation

November 2008 Speaker: Fr. Peter McGuine

Topic: The Communion of Saints: the Joining of Heaven and Earth

December 2008 Speaker: Deacon Mike Daniels

Perfect way to start the first week of Advent. Come and enjoy listening to this

wonderful speaker!

January 2009 Holiday Weekend

February 2009 Speaker: Mary Pat Warner

Topic: Forgiveness

March 2009 Speaker: Manuel Nuno

Topic: The eco adobe system utilized at Mt.Tabor Monastery in Tecate, Mexico

April 2009 Speaker: Deacon Mike Daniels

Topic: Easter Week...Suffering...It's a topic none of us want to deal with - and

maybe that makes it the right topic for Passion Week.

May 2009 Speaker: Fr. Steve Callahan

Topic: The Role of Bishop in the Life of the Church

June 2009 Speaker: Joe Cannon, Director of Campus Ministry at Cathedral Catholic HS

Topic: Jewish/Christian Relationships

July 2009 Holiday Weekend

August 2009 Speaker: Madre Antonia

Topic: Her story

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September 2009 Holiday Weekend

October 2009 Speaker: Deacon Mike Daniels

Topic: Prayer in our Lives Today

November 2009 Speaker: Deacon Charlie Frice

Topic: Thanksgiving and the Eucharist

December 2009 Speaker: Fr. Steve Callahan

Topic: The Gospel of Luke

The gospel for the upcoming liturgical year

January 2010 Holiday Weekend

February 2010 Speaker: Fr. Steve Callahan

Topic: The Catholic World View

March 2010 Speaker: Fr. Justine Langille, Pastor, St. Louise De Marillac Church

Topic: "Savoring a taste of Silence: experiencing the prayer of the heart

....Centering Prayer"

About the Speaker: Fr. Langille has been teaching and leading both Centering Prayer and Taize Prayer in our diocese and throughout the region for many

years.

April 2010 off – Easter

May 2010 Speaker: Joe Lonergan

Topic: Forgiveness...Unresolved Pain and Forgiveness

About the Topic: Many of us walk throughout life holding onto some unresolved pain or grief. Most of this is done unconsciously and affects who we are called to be and the relationships that we are in and out of. There is a reason that 2/3 of Jesus' sayings and half his parables are directly or indirectly about forgiveness. How can we forgive ourselves and others? How does this powerful gift given to us have the ability to transform our lives and open us up to being more awake to

what we are called to be?

About the Speaker: Joe has worked extensively over the past 17 years in men's spiritual work both on a personal basis and as a ministry. Personally, he has been led on journeys of great healing and forgiveness. As a ministry, he has worked putting together men's retreats on a parish level. He is currently part of a team of men here in southern California that puts together the Men's Rite of Passages and other events in connection with Fr. Richard Rohr's Center For Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, NM. This work has been focused on mentoring men in what to do with their pain, grief, and power that are not

destructive to them and others they encounter in relationship.

June 2010 Theology "Uncorked" Will NOT BE AT ST. BRIGID'S!

We will be going down to Little Italy! We will join their 1st Monday of the

Month Padre Pio Devotion Our Lady of the Rosary

July 2010 off – Holiday

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August 2010 Speaker: Fr. Chris Tozzi

Come hear Fr. Chris' vocation story/witness!

September 2010 off – Holiday

October 2010 Speaker: Michaelene Fredenbugis

Topic: My area of expertise is the topic of reproductive grief and loss after abortion. I typically share through story - my story and the stories of men, women, and family members impacted by abortion. My intention is to raise awareness and to equip individuals to help others who may be hurting. If

possible, I like to have time to answer questions.

November 2010 Speaker: Father Daniel Nganga

From the Diocese of Kitale, Kenya

His topic: His ministry as a priest in Kenya. He is here in California where he finished studies at the University of San Diego last June and will be working with

Fr. Joe's Villages until he returns to Kenya in September.

December 2010 No "Uncorked"

January 2011 off – Holiday Happy New Year!

February 2011 Speaker: Our own Bob Olson and Friends

Topic: "Friends of Hospital Madre Berenice," which a group from St.Brigid's built in the slum of 400,000 in Guayaquil, Ecuador. Over the last 10 years or so, members of St.Brigid's have gone on yearly assessment and support trips in which they lived with and helped the poor of that area. Presently we support the families of AIDS victims, in which grandparents often raise the HIV+ kids. AIDS is not the well understood disease as in the US. We work through an order of nuns. Also, FHMB is supporting a nursery for children of working mothers in Quito, Ecuador, and Sister Annie Credido's home for elderly Hansens disease

victims, as well as a clinic.

March 2011 No "Uncorked" - Fundraiser for the "Friends of Hospital Madre Berenice" (See

above.) Spagetti Dinner and Dancing!

April 2011 No "Uncorked" – floors being waxed

May 2011 Speaker: Nancy Wesseln, the SBAC leader

Topic: Celebrating 7 years of the SBAC! Looking at our past and looking

towards the future!

June 2011 Speaker: Fr. Steve

Topic: "How Much is the Mass Changing?" Instruction & commentary on the text changes in the Sacramentary (aka "The Roman Missal") that will go into

effect the 1st Sunday of Advent.

July 2011 Holiday

August 2011 **Speaker:** Fr. Steve

Topic: The Diocese of San Diego....what do you know about us? Celebrating 75

years and more!

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September 2011 Holiday

October 2011 Speaker and Topic: World Youth Day Experiences from their trip to Spain

November 2011 Speaker: Chris Hulburt

Topic: The New English Translation of the Mass which will go into effect on November 27. He will share with us some of the details, a bit of the history, and much of the spiritual richness of the new translation.

About the Speaker:

Chris has been a parishioner at St. Brigid for nearly 25 years. He and his wife, Lee, have four children whom you may have seen over the years as altar servers, eucharistic ministers, or office workers. Chris works as a trial lawyer handling injury and medical malpractice cases, though he promises he won't cross examine any of you when you ask questions. Chris and Lee are in their fourth year of a five year program of formation for him to become a permanent deacon, like Deacon Mike Daniels. God willing, Chris will be ordained in June 2013.

October 2013 Speaker: Fr. Steve Callahan, Judical Vicar for the Diocese of San Diego

Topic: Annulments: What they are, what they are not, the process to apply for

one, and common misperceptions.

November 2013 **Speaker:** Brian Curry

Topic: Brief History of Scripture: Historical perspective to the books of the Bible

About the Speaker:

Brian has been a Saint Brigid parishioner since 1989. Brian, the son of an

"ecumenical" protestant pastor, went through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program and was confirmed Roman Catholic in 1990. He has been very active at Saint Brigid over the years. He has previously served as a team member for RCIA and was an original member of the committee that helped form the Saint Brigid small faith community ministry. He currently leads the Ordinary Time

music group for the Sunday 5:30 Mass

December 2013 Speaker: Cort Peters

Topic: Advent "Waiting and Hoping"

Come listen as we take time to focus on the hope and anticipation of something wonderful that is about to happen. Do we really understand what Advent is all

about?

January 2014 Holiday Weekend

February 2014 Speaker: Fr. Steve

Topic: Anger and Forgiveness

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2nd Wednesday/month – 7:00pm – 8:30pm

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(behind the Carl's Jr.)

October 2014 Speaker: Cort Peters

Topic: The Saints in our Daily Lives

November 2014 **Speaker:** Fr. Nick Dempsey

Topic: Evangelization

December 2014 Speaker: Fr. Steve Callahan

Topic: How the Catholic Church is Perceived

January 2015 **Speaker**: Cort Peters

Topic: Healthy Mind - Healthy Body - Healthy Spirit

February 2015 **Speaker:** Fr. Mark Campbell

Topic: "How is God calling YOU to be a special disciple?

March 2015 **Speaker:** Fr. Nick Dempsey

Topic: "The Shroud of Turin" A topic for our Lenten journey

April 2015 Easter Break

May 2015 **Speaker:** Fr. Steve Callahan

Topic: How Faith Works!

New Location! 3rd Monday/Month! Our Mother of Confidence

3131 Governor Drive San Diego 92122

June 2015 **Speaker:** Cort Peters

Topic: Catholic History in America

July 2015 **Speaker:** Brian Curry

Topic: Brief History of Scripture: Historical perspective to the books of the Bible

August 2015 Speaker: Fr. Mark Campbell

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Topic: The New Papal Encyclical "Laudatory Si"

September 2015 Speaker: Brian Curry

Topic: Ecumenism

About the Topic: Is the Roman Catholic Church the one true church? What is the Church's teaching on our understanding and relationship with non-Catholic Christian denominations, the Jewish People, Muslims, and other world religions? How about those that have no faith or religion? Where is the Church on Christian and worldwide unity? Who are the People of God? Listen, learn, and discuss!

October 2015 Speaker: Fr. Peter Bosque

Topic: Mass 101

About the Topic: "Do This In Memory of Me....." an exploration of WHY we

do, what we do, in Our Mass!!!

November 2015 **Speakers:** Fr. Steve Callahan and Judge Anna Amato

Topic: Annulments

About the Topic: What they are, what they are not, the process to apply for

one, and common misperceptions

December 2015 No Uncorked

January2016 **Speaker:** Fr. Mark Campbell

Topic: The Extraordinary Year of Mercy

February 2016 Speaker: Fr. Gary Sanders OSA

Topic: Our Personal Lent and Our Personal Resurrection

March 2016 NO "UNCORKED" because of Holy Week!

April 2016 **Speaker:** Deacon Peter Hodsdon (St. James)

Topic: "Born again and again. The ongoing journey of conversion"

May 2016 **Speaker:** Kimberli Halpin

Topic: The Rosary 101 Why is the Rosary such a special gift?

June 2016 Speaker: Deacon Jim Hackett (from Our Mother of Confidence)

Topic: "Catholic Social Teaching - WHY we do WHAT we do"

July 2016 Speaker: Kimberli Halpin - Founder of Catholic Con 2017

Topic: Taking up the call of the New Evangelization to increase Christian witness through strengthening and encouraging Catholic laity in their role

as witnesses.

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August 2016 **Speaker**: Andrea Jaksha - StoC Parishioner!

Topic: Feast of the Assumption and how Mary can play an integral part

of Catholic Conversion.

September 2016 **Speaker:** Fr. Gil Gentile, S.J.

Topic: Being in the Hands of God

Come listen as Fr. Gil shares his witness story and how he was called to

serve those in need.

October 2016 Speaker: Filip Ponulak

Topic: "The Secrets of the Divine Mercy"

Filip Ponulak is the Founder and President of Abba Father Institute - a Catholic apostolate whose mission is to make God known as the most Loving Father and to help all of us experience the freedom and joy of

being God's beloved sons and daughters.

November 2016 Saturday, November 12th

Fall Half Day Retreat! At St. James

Theme: A Journey Through Three Stages of Mercy - Surrender,

Repentance and Healing Retreat Leader: Cort Peters

December 2016 Christmas break

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We will start to alternate locations between Our Mother of Confidence and St. James!

January 2017 Our Mother of Confidence

Speaker: David Bates

Topic: "Worship in the Early Church"

February 2017 St. James (Theology "Uncorked" NORTH!)

Speaker: Fr. Steve Callahan: Annulments

About the Topic: What they are, what they are not, the process to apply for

one, and common misperceptions.

March 2017 Our Mother of Confidence

Speaker: Kimberli Halpin

Topic: Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary

April 2017 Easter Break

May 2017 Our Mother of Confidence

Speaker: Fr. Steve Callahan

Topic: How Conscience is Formed

June 2017 St. James

Speaker: Deacon Peter Hodsdon

Topic: What Makes the Catholic Bible Catholic

July 2017 Our Mother of Confidence

Speaker: Cort Peters

Topic: Examination of Conscience versus Examinations of Consciousness

August 2017 St. James

Speaker: Katie Hodsdon

Topic: Catholicism's Best-Kept Secret – The Two Feet of Love in Action

September 2017 Our Mother of Confidence

Speaker: Deacon John Fanelle

Topic: The Beatitudes, the Prelude to the Sermon on the Mount

October 2017 St. James

Speaker: Cort Peters

Topic: The Charisms of several religious orders. How are they alike/different

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November and December 2017 – Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays

January 2018 Our Mother of Confidence

Speaker: Fr. Gary, OSA

Topic: An Evening with Fr. Gary

February 2018 St. James

Speaker: Fr. Gerard Lecomte CJM **Topic:** An Evening with Fr. Gerard

March 2018 Easter Break

April 2018 Crust Pizzeria, Solana Beach

Speaker: Fr. Steve Callahan

Topic: How the OUR FATHER is a prayer to form us in "putting on the mind of

Christ" and how we live each day as followers of Jesus.

May 2018 Our Mother of Confidence

Speaker: David Bates

Topic: Mary in the Old Testament

Break for Uncorked June 2018 – August 2019

September 2019 Our Mother of Confidence

Speaker: Fr. Steve Callahan

Topic: Holy Spirit – An Abiding Presence in our Life

October 2019 Our Mother of Confidence

Speaker: Kevin Kramer **Topic:** The Rosary

November 2019 Our Mother of Confidence

Speaker: Steve Marshall **Topic:** Sacred Heart Devotion

Dec 2019 – Jan 2020 Break

February 2020 Our Mother of Confidence

Speaker: Kevin Cramer

Topic: The Great Promise of Mercy and the Sacred Heart of Jesus

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Started back up at St. Brigid

We are not yet back at monthly sessions.



May 2021 Saint Brigid

Speaker: David Bates

Topic: Mary in the Old Testament

September 2021 Saint Brigid

Speaker: Dr. Scott French

Topic: 21st Century Evidence of the Resurrection

February 2022 Saint Brigid

Speaker: Danielle and Patrick McCay **Topic:** The Camino de Santiago

June 2022 Saint Brigid

Speaker: Fr. Steve Callahan **Topic:** Mercy and the Law

September 2022 Saint Brigid

Speaker: Brian Curry

Topic: Introduction to Scripture

October 2022 Saint Brigid

Speaker: Fr. Steve Callahan **Topic:** The Making of a Cardinal

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April 2023 Saint Brigid

Speaker: Dr. Emily Makhlouf **Topic:** Catholic Healthcare Ethics

May 2023 Saint Brigid

Speaker: Serena Arts

Topic: Homelessness and Street Health at Fr. Joe's

UPCOMING:

September 2023 Saint Brigid

Speaker: Maureen Day, Ph.D.

Topic: Practicing Mindfulness in the Everyday