

Finding God in the Later Years of Life

Spirituality and Prayer for the Elderly

No age requirement for attendance

All Welcome

Sunday, October 8, 2006 — 2:00PM

St. John the Baptist Church and Annex
Sr. Marian Senish, CDP

Sister Marian Senish founded and directs the *Transfiguration House of Prayer* in Butler. Sister has provided spiritual direction and private retreats for individuals, and guided and directed retreats for groups for more than 20 years. Aware of the changing needs and concerns of those moving in and through their golden years, sister sees this time of life as one of great opportunity of spiritual awakening and growth.



This presentation is meant to help us become aware of how the importance of a personal relationship with God takes on a heightened awareness in these later years of life. How we meet and see God through the many life changes is only meant to strengthen our willingness to grasp the rich blessings our God continues to offer us in new and different ways.

She is a member of the Sisters of Divine Providence located in Allison Park, part of Pittsburgh's North Hills.

Everyone is invited to attend this special afternoon session.

Please note the 2:00PM afternoon time (the Steelers play in the evening).



Single! Young Adult!
Catholic! Christian!
Yes, a person can be all of these and enjoy life fully!

The spiritual formation and prayer life of an adult (ages 18 to 40ish) does not need to be in opposition to the life of a single adult. Actually, a life built on faith and God can enhance life very much. And life can remain fun, freeing, and rewarding.

Join us.

Monday, October 16
7:00pm

St. John the Baptist Church

Ms. Jamie Dillon will provide the insight and possibilities.

Jamie is nationally known and was a speaker at the 2005 World Youth Day in Germany.

Bring a friend to this dynamic evening and presentation.

Why do you call GOD FIRST a "Radical Spirituality"?

GOD FIRST is considered a radical spirituality for a number of reasons. The first will be discussed here. Other, equally important reasons, will be discussed in the weeks to come. GOD FIRST cuts sharply against the societal expectations. It is not slack, meaningless, or dry, as "organized religion" is often portrayed. GOD FIRST cuts away anything that keeps us from getting to the meat — the heart of the matter — faith in God through Jesus Christ. It calls the individual to be critically examined through interior prayer and discernment of values and ideologies. Anything not of God's plan and will then stands in opposition to the believer's call and purpose. This is good. GOD FIRST then provides the means by which we can fashion our lives through the true, lived expression of faith, modeled by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Now we become radical as our lives are directed first by the Spirit of God, the very presence of God. The allurements of individualism, of relativism, of consumerism, are radically challenged by the person who has chosen to place GOD FIRST in life. No longer is a temporary satisfaction sufficient. No longer is something good for today and changed tomorrow. The life of the person rooted in GOD FIRST becomes one anchored in the desire of our God for us, in solid faith. As we're told in scripture, being built on a solid foundation is essential to our standing against the storm created by those who would have us blown away by the buffeting winds of change or the eroding waves that come and go as society moves through its never-ending cycle of temporary fixation. Placing GOD FIRST allows us the freedom to respond to the grace of God, making the desire of God for us our own desire. The desire is that we know God fully. The means is through the Word, Jesus Christ.

