

A bronze statue of a seated figure, likely a nun, is the central focus of the image. The statue is shown from the back, wearing a dark habit with a veil. It is seated on a stone base. In the foreground, there is a low stone wall covered in moss. To the left of the statue is a large bush with reddish-brown leaves. In the background, there is a two-story building with light-colored siding and several windows. The scene is set outdoors with green trees and foliage. A large blue oval with a red border is superimposed over the upper part of the image, containing the text.

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2024 – 2025

About the Glastonbury Abbey Institute:

The Institute is an extension of the rich Benedictine monastic teaching tradition found at Glastonbury Abbey. As a spiritual resource for lifelong learning, we invite all people from diverse interfaith and cultural traditions to explore and deepen human ways of knowing and being.

Please Note:

This year there is a mix of virtual, in person, and hybrid (both virtual and in person) programs. All retreats are in person. For all other programs please refer to the specific event.

All programs will begin at 7:00 pm unless otherwise noted.

The Institute relies on you! Donations of any amount are deeply appreciated and will help us cover the cost of our programs. Suggested donation is \$20 per person unless otherwise noted.

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Please remember to register online; if it is for a series on one topic you only need to register once. Registrations are accepted up to 2:00 pm the day of the event. The website is: www.glastonburyabbey.org, then click “Programs.”

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Please support these programs!

Spiritual Enrichment Programs

Wednesdays with Regina Boisclair – A Study of the Bible

In Person

Regina Boisclair, PhD – Wednesdays, 10:30 – 11:50

Suggested donation is \$50 for each series

Topics: September 11, 18, 25: Amos and Hosea

November 6, 13, 20: Isaiah

January 8, 15, 22, 29: Jeremiah

April 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28: Book of Revelation

Dr. Regina Boisclair holds graduate degrees in biblical studies, theology and religion from Providence College, Yale Divinity School, the Ecole Biblique in Jerusalem and a doctorate in New Testament from Temple University. She taught at Merrimack College, Temple University, University of San Diego and Alaska Pacific University. She is an Oblate of Incarnation Monastery in Berkeley, CA, and worships at Glastonbury Abbey.



Ethical Voting--Is It a Contradiction in Terms?

Virtual

Dr. Cathleen Kaveny – Tuesday, September 10

Professor Kaveny will explore the ethical issues involved in casting a vote as a member of a nation, state, or other political community. She will argue that there is a moral duty to vote because it is a key expression of our solidarity with others and an exercise of our responsibility for the common good. She will also propose that we need to move beyond “issue guides” in discerning how to cast our vote. Instead, we should focus on: character, competence, connections, and collaborative potentials of the candidates for office.

M. Cathleen Kaveny is an American legal scholar and theologian. She is the Darald and Juliet Libby Professor of Law and Theology at Boston College. She holds a joint appointment at both the Law School and Department of Theology, the first person to hold a faculty appointment in two schools at that university.



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“Journey of the Universe” – Documentary Film **In Person**

Tuesday, September 17

The film *Journey of the Universe* is an epic story of cosmic and earth evolution drawing on the latest scientific knowledge in a way that is both relevant and moving. What emerges is an intensely poetic story, which evokes emotions of awe and excitement, fear and joy, belonging and responsibility. This film transforms how we understand our origins and envision our future—one that inspires hope for a way in which Earth and its human civilizations could flourish together. Short discussion facilitated by Fr. Albrecht to follow the watching of *Journey of the Universe*.

Beguines: Past and Present

In Person

Sister Laura Swan – Monday, September 23 - 9:30 – 3:00

Donation: \$70 (Lunch Included)

This program focuses on a little-known but widespread movement of women who lived independent lives serving the gospel as they felt led by the Holy Spirit. Their influence in the realm of spirituality was significant, and Beguines kept alive the gospel imperative to serve the marginalized and oppressed. Through their writings and teachings, we will explore what these women might teach us today.

What the Desert Mothers Have to Say to Us Today **Hybrid**

Sister Laura Swan – Tuesday, September 24

The desert mothers are speaking to us today. So, who are these women, and what is their message? Their times were as tumultuous as ours today. Why are these women calling out to us today? What are they trying to say to us? God always brings the prophetic voices to each generation that WE need to hear. Come and consider what this might be.

Benedictine Sister, Laura Swan, is a member of St. Placid Priory in the Pacific Northwest. Her passion is restoring women’s presence and voice to the stories we tell. She is the author of several books, including *The Forgotten Desert Mothers: Sayings, Lives, and Stories of Early Christian Women* and *The Wisdom of the Beguines: The Forgotten Story of a Medieval Women’s Movement*.



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Commonweal Conversations

Virtual

Moderator: Maggie Olson

Commonweal Conversations is a program promoting thoughtful, expansive, intelligent dialogue on issues that matter – whether political, theological, cultural, or artistic. We encourage all participants to offer their opinions respectfully while also generously considering opinions that do not match their own. We learn by listening to others. All conversations will be virtual. [Please register for each date separately](#) and you will receive articles to read when you register.

10/7/2024 – 11/4/2024 – 12/2/2024
1/6/2025 – 2/3/2025 – 3/3/2025 – 4/7/2025

What Do We (I) Really Believe!

Virtual

Father Timothy Joyce, OSB –

*Tuesday, October 15, Monday, November 18 and December 9, 2024
Mondays, January 13, February 10, March 10, 2025*

A series of monthly conversations moderated by Fr. Tim about faith, doubt, and belief. These will be open discussions starting with reviewing an article or two given out for reading ahead of time. All are welcome: Catholics, former Catholics, non-Catholics, Nones, or just the curious. Only goodwill and openness to share and listen are needed. [Please register for each date separately](#) and you will receive articles to read when you register.

Father Timothy is a monk of Glastonbury Abbey since 1976. He holds an advanced degree in systematic theology from the Gregorian University in Rome. He is a licensed theologian, lecturer, spiritual director, and writer – including a bi-weekly blog, “Monastic Scribe.”

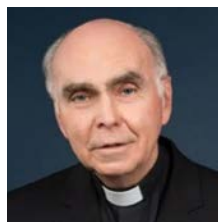


Catholic Teaching on War and Peace: Principles and Cases

Hybrid

Fr. Bryan Hehir – Monday, October 21

Father Hehir has served as the Secretary of Health and Social Services for the Archdiocese of Boston. He was also the Parker Gilbert Montgomery Professor of the Practice of Religion and Public Policy. He was formerly a faculty member at Georgetown University and at the Harvard Divinity School. In 1995 Fr Hehir was



elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He became a member of the American Philosophical Society in 2002. In 2004, he was awarded the Laetare Medal by the University of Notre Dame, the oldest and most prestigious award for American Catholics.

Three Popes: Leo the Great, Gregory the Great and Gregory VII

Hybrid

Fr. Nicholas Morcone, OSB – Tuesday, November 12, 19, 26

How these three Popes understood their office and how their exercise of that office changed the papacy and the Church.

Father Nicholas, a life-long student of history, has been at Glastonbury Abbey since 1963. He was Abbot from 1986-2008. He is now Master of Liturgical Ceremonies, leads retreats, and gives spiritual direction.



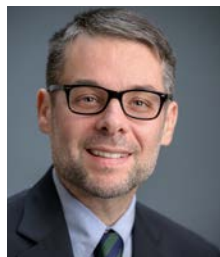
Long Live Synodality

Virtual

Massimo Faggioli – Tuesday, December 10

An analysis of the Synodal process that started in 2021 and of the second assembly of the Synod of October: what has been done, what remains to be done for a synodal conversion of the Church in terms both of structural reforms and of cultural changes.

Dr. Massimo Faggioli is full professor in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at Villanova University. He is member of the steering committee for the project “Vatican II: Legacy and Mandate” for a multi-volume, intercontinental commentary of Vatican II. In 2023 he was elected to the board of editors of the international journal of theology, *Concilium*. He was a founding co-chair of the study group “Vatican II Studies” for the American Academy of Religion between 2012 and 2017. He has a column in *La Croix International*, is contributing writer for *Commonweal* magazine and for the Italian magazine *Il Regno*.



Please support these programs!

Female Diaconate: If Not Now...When?

Virtual

Sister Maureen Sullivan, OP – Tuesday, February 25

When we come together on February 25, 2025, the Synod on Synodality will have concluded. But that does not mean the Synod is “over.” In fact it will actually mark a new beginning and, as the ancient philosopher Lao Tzu tells us: “New beginnings are often disguised as painful endings.” Throughout his papacy, Pope Francis has frequently used the theme of “journey.” You and I have been invited to journey together to give birth to a new way of being Church and it will not be easy. New ways of relating to each other will be needed. We will be learning how to incorporate the principles of synodality in our communal journey toward God. And, because the topic of a female diaconate has been so central in synodal discussions during the last three years, the focus of this presentation will be the female diaconate.

Sr. Maureen Sullivan, a Dominican Sister of Hope from New York, received her M.A. in theology from Manhattan College and her PhD. from Fordham University. She is Professor Emerita of Theology at St. Anselm College, New Hampshire.



Lenten Supper Talks – The Rule of St. Benedict In Person

Tuesdays: March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8 2025

Presented by the Monks at Glastonbury Abbey

Easter Triduum

In Person

Fr. Nicholas Morcone, OSB – March 17, 18, 19: 9:30

Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil make up the Easter Triduum. The three liturgies tell the story that stands at the core of the Christian faith. They celebrate the abiding significance of these sacred events in the lives of people today. This series of reflections will help people understand and participate in these liturgies.

A Catholic Approach to the Perils of Polarization Virtual

Fr. Aaron Wessman – March 13, 2025

We will explore together the challenge of polarization and the tools from our Catholic Tradition that can help us lead our Church and society.

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Fr. R. Aaron Wessman is the Vicar General and Director of Formation for the Glenmary Home Missioners. He has a PhD from the Catholic University of Louvain in Systematic Theology and is a Guest Lecturer at St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. Fr. Aaron serves on the Editorial Board for Review for Religious and the Advisory Board for the Conference of Major Superiors of Men Religious (CMSM). He gives lectures and publishes regularly on the theme of Christianity and polarization, including his recent book *The Church's Mission in a Polarized World*. He serves two prison systems in the Cincinnati, Ohio, region.



Mothers and Fathers of the Early Church

Virtual

Sister Julie Upton – Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Do you remember learning or hearing about the “Fathers of the Church”? Did you ever wonder why no one mentioned or listed “Mothers of the Church”? There are some who made contributions as valuable to the Church as the Fathers. In this webinar you will learn something about both Mothers and Fathers.

Dr. Julie Upton, a Sister of Mercy, has a PhD in Theology from Fordham University and is Provost Emerita and retired Distinguished Professor in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at St. John University, where she taught for 40 years.



What Does Contemplation Have to Do with the Climate Crisis?

Hybrid

Christina Leano - Thursday, May 8, 2025

Extreme heat, forest fires, climate migrants. News of the impact of the climate crisis is all around us. Yet Pope Francis indicates that “the best antidote against this misuse of our common home is contemplation.” What does contemplation have to do with solving the climate and environmental crises? We will reflect on Pope Francis writings including the encyclical *Laudato Si*, his most recent exhortation, *Laudate Deum*, and other messages to explore these questions. We will also hear some examples of how the interrelated dimensions of contemplation and action have been expressed in inspiring actions to care for our planet.

Please support these programs!

Christina Leano serves as the Associate Director of the *Laudato Si Movement*, a global movement of individuals and organizations inspiring and mobilizing the Catholic community for climate and ecological justice in collaboration with all people of goodwill. She also is a retreat leader, spiritual director, meditation teacher and student of contemplative practice for more than 25 years. She is currently authoring a blog series at the National Catholic Reporter on contemplation with creation.



Adult Education Programs

The Artist's Way

In Person

Kay Trask, M.Ed – Tuesdays, September 24 – December 10, 2024, 9:30 – 11:30

Suggested Donation: \$195

We are all creative! Develop and unleash your creativity by joining a small group of your peers for a 12-week program exploring your creativity based on the classic bestseller, *The Artist's Way, a Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity* by Julia Cameron. The process will challenge you to look closely at yourself in order to explore your relationship with your own creativity. In addition to the weekly meetings, the program requires four hours per week to accomplish the required activities. The book, *The Artist's Way*, is required and will be available at the Abbey bookstore or on Amazon.

Kay Trask has been involved with this program at the Abbey for several years. Kay is a retired educator who spent most of her career of 40+ years in higher education helping college students strengthen their academic skills.

From Languishing to Flourishing: Becoming Your Best Self

Hybrid

John Sheff – Tuesdays: January 21 and 28 and February 11, 2025

Do you wake up ready to start your day or would you rather go back to sleep? Do you have a sense of purpose, or do you find much of your day to feel meaningless? Based on your answers to these questions, you already may have an idea of where you might be on the languishing-flourishing continuum. Languishing describes a state of being characterized by a lack of vitality or zest for life, and a

sense of stagnation and emptiness. Flourishing describes a state of being characterized by vitality, and a sense of fulfillment, purpose and happiness.

January 21 – *The Depression Spectrum: The Undertreated Mental Health Problem in the US*

January 28 – *From Languishing to Flourishing: Lethargy to Vitality*

February 11 – *The Philosophy of Stoicism: Mastering the Art of Living*

John Sheff is a clinical psychologist practicing on the South Shore for over thirty years. He uses both Western and Eastern medicine thinking in his work with clients.



Retreats

All retreats are in person only. Meals and accommodations are included for overnight retreats

Walking the Labyrinth: Seeking a Sacred Path September 13 – 15, 2024

Facilitators: Brother James Crowley, OSB and Ellie Devine

Suggested Donation: \$250

Come join Brother James as he guides you in an experiential way of prayer using the labyrinth. James has been a student of the labyrinth for more than 20 years and incorporates the labyrinth into his own prayer life. He brings a wealth of information and experience to this embodied way of prayer.

A Benedictine Experience of Praying through the Seasons October 21 – 24, 2024.

Facilitator: Katherine Burbank, Oblate OSB

Suggested Donation: \$330

This is the fourth and final retreat in the 2024 series. The monks of Glastonbury Abbey invite you to a midweek, three-night experience of Monastic prayer. Sing and pray the Liturgy of The Hours, attend Mass, and explore the sanctuary of natural beauty that the Abbey offers. This retreat will include talks on Living the Benedictine Experience Outside the Walls.

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Finding the Grace in Gratitude, A Day Retreat **November 7, 2024, 9:00AM to 3PM**

Facilitator: Kay Trask, M.Ed

Suggested Donation: \$70 (Lunch included)

Come and spend a day of reflection on the graces found in the practice of gratitude and the transformative powers that gratitude can have on our own spirituality. The day will include meditations, prayer, sharing, Mass, if desired, and many suggestions for how we can incorporate or deepen the practices of gratitude in our own daily life.

Advent Retreat: Beyond the Stable December 6 - 8, 2024

Facilitators: Abbot Thomas O'Connor, OSB and Ellie Devine

Suggested Donation: \$250

Where do we find Jesus? Where do we look for Jesus? Can we find Jesus amidst all the hustle and bustle of the holiday season? Come spend a quiet weekend of exploration looking for Jesus where we least expect to find Him.

A New Year Guided Retreat: Loving Our Becoming **January 20 – 24, 2025**

Facilitators: Pat Laliberte, Oblate OSB and Denise Patts, Oblate OSB

Suggested Donation: \$450

Through creative methods, prayer and meditation we will explore the questions *Where have I been? Where am I Going?* Spend this time with scissors, paste and paper as you create a Life Map. Let the prayer time at Glastonbury help you unfold a view for your future. This 4-night retreat will include materials, meals and accommodations.

Resting in God: A Meditation Retreat **January 31 – February 2, 2025**

Facilitators: Jean McDonald, Oblate OSB and Karen Casale, Oblate OSB

Suggested Donation: \$250

This retreat will offer the opportunity to set aside the busyness amidst a noisy world and return to stillness, listening, prayer, and meditation. It will be a time of replenishment of spirit and a nourishing of both our deepest and yet highest calling. The retreat will honor and encourage wherever someone is in their faith journey. God is always with us, and may you choose to BE more than DO in this time of renewal before we step back out into the world again. Each day will include a talk by one of the retreat facilitators followed by group sharing.

Simply Sacred Sunday

February 9, 2025, 11AM to 4PM

Facilitator: Dee Davidson

Suggested Donation: \$70 (Lunch included)

A Day Retreat just for you. Beginning with a short discussion on what to expect; the activities will include Mind Body Awareness Stretch, Meditation, Journaling/ Metacognitive Drawing and Restorative Yoga. Bring a mat, blanket, eye pillow and journal.

Patrick Roll Caregivers Retreat February 28 – March 2, 2025

Free of charge for all caregivers

This retreat is a place and opportunity for rest, relaxation, and rejuvenation in a setting with people who understand the privilege and challenges of caring for others. If you are caring for a family member, friend, or loved one, this gathering is an opportunity to take some important time for yourself to recharge and connect with others who are on a similar journey. Opportunities for meditation, gentle yoga, massage, self-care, supportive conversations, and simple quiet time will be part of the weekend. Come for a day, an overnight, or an entire weekend.

Lenten Weekend Retreat

March 7 – 9, 2025

Suggested Donation: \$250

See our website for further information

A Creative Approach to the 12 Steps of Recovery

March 28 – 30, 2025

Facilitators: Dee Davidson and Dawn Karolides

Suggested Donation: \$275

On this weekend retreat the facilitators will guide women in recovery in the creation of a Cosmic Smashbook™ --a mashup of art journaling and deep dive inquiry--to explore their 12-step journey in a whole new way. The book and art supplies will be provided, but women are encouraged to bring any collage materials, photos, mementos or ribbons, lace trim, etc. that will support the personalization of their smashbook. The weekend will include time for quiet reflection, walking the labyrinth and sacred sharing circles.

Hildegard of Bingen and the God Who Causes the Grasses to Laugh

April 2, 2025, 9:30AM to 3PM

Facilitator: Sister Maureen Casey, SND

Suggested Donation: \$70 (Lunch included)

Come and gift God and yourself with a day to explore the life and spirituality of Hildegard of Bingen, a 12th century mystic, reformer,

prophetess, musician and visionary. She was a woman who listened deeply to the heart of God. Her reverence and passion for God's dream for the universe can be a source of hope for us today as we continue to be the flame that ignites God's desires in our world.

Zentangle

April 6, 2025, 11:00AM to 3:30PM.

Facilitator: Karen Keefe

Suggested Donation: \$75 (Lunch and materials included)

Zentangle is an easy-to-learn method of creating beautiful images from repetitive patterns. It is a meditative art form that is fun and relaxing. Zentangle provides artistic satisfaction, an increased sense of personal well-being and calm centeredness. In this class: participants are introduced to 6 different patterns or tangles and produce 2 pieces of art. The class includes fun instruction, engaging demonstrations and a kit for practicing with enough supplies for producing additional artwork at home.

Sacred Triduum Retreat- Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday Mass

April 17 – 20, 2025

Facilitators: Monastic Community

Suggested Donation: \$330

Join the monks in celebrating the Liturgy of the Hours and the Sacred Liturgy of the Easter Triduum. There will be three presentations on each day of the Triduum by Fr. Nicholas Morcone, OSB. This three-night retreat is silent with plenty of time for personal reflection.

Ecological Spirituality Weekend Retreat **May 9 – 11, 2025**

Facilitator: Christina Leano

Suggested Donation: \$300

Praying with Creation: Contemplative Practices in Nature for Healing. "The entire material universe speaks of God's love...Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God." (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si': On Care for our Common Home*) How can we nourish the seeds of contemplation to support our care for our planet and each other? During this weekend retreat we will step outside of our normal schedules to immerse ourselves in the gift of creation. We will engage in contemplative practices to deepen our connection with our Creator and creation such as guided meditation, activities in nature inspired by forest therapy, contemplative dialogue, and the *Laudato Si'* Chaplet. We will learn new ways to connect with creation through the senses and the elements. The weekend will follow a contemplative rhythm of presentations, practice, and reflection interwoven with silence and spaciousness. With the Pope's encyclical *Laudato Si': On Care for our*

Common Home as our guide, together we will explore how we can better listen to the song and cries of creation and discern how we help protect our common home.

Simple Sacred Sunday

May 18, 2025, 11AM to 4PM

Facilitator: Dee Davidson.

Suggested Donation: \$70 (Lunch included)

A Day Retreat just for you. Beginning with a short discussion on what to expect; the activities will include Mind Body Awareness Stretch, Meditation, Journaling/ Metacognitive Drawing and Restorative Yoga. Bring: mat, blanket, eye pillow & journal.

Using Poetry as a means of Delving Deeper into the Word of God: “Scriptio Divina”

May 30 - June 1, 2025

Facilitator: John Hopkins, Oblate, OSB

Suggested Donation: \$250

Calling all writers! Would you like to get away for a few days of quiet, rest, reading, contemplation, and writing? This retreat offers three days of “Scriptio Divina.” Like “Lectio Divina,” “Scriptio Divina” is a way of responding to the Word of God in a contemplative manner. Unlike Lectio, Scriptio prompts us to dip our pens into the inkwell of God’s Word and, being mindful of the promptings of the Spirit, respond to it creatively, poetically, or prayerfully.

Simply Sacred Sunday

August 3, 2025, 11AM to 4PM

Facilitator: Dee Davidson

Suggested Donation: \$70 (Lunch included)

A Day Retreat just for you. Beginning with a short discussion on what to expect; the activities will include Mind Body Awareness Stretch, Meditation, Journaling/ Metacognitive Drawing and Restorative Yoga. Bring: mat, blanket, eye pillow, and journal.

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Listening to Other Voices Series 2024-2025

The Listening to Other Voices Series hosted by Glastonbury Abbey opens its twenty-sixth season with the compelling theme, “Does Prayer Matter? Faith Perspectives”. Sharing the particular insights of various faith traditions, the speakers will address how their own faith addresses this question. **All presentations will take place at the Morcone Center on the Glastonbury Abbey campus at 7:15 pm.** While we do offer all presentations as hybrid, we urge in person attendance to enjoy the full experience of each speaker.

October 17, 2024 – Christian Wiman

The Days We Cannot Pray: Poetry, Prayer, and Other Forms of Listening.

Christian Wiman is the author, editor, or translator of more than a dozen books of poetry and prose, including two memoirs, *My Bright Abyss: Meditation of a Modern Believer* and *He Held Radical Light: The Art of Faith, the Faith of Art; Every Riven Thing*, winner of the Ambassador Book Award; *Once in the West*, a National Book Critics Circle Award finalist; and *Survival Is a Style*—all published by FSG. Christian Wiman currently serves as Professor of the Practice of Religion and Literature at Yale University.

November 21, 2024 – Swami Tyagananda

Prayer as a Spiritual Discipline

Swami Tyagananda is a Hindu monk of the Ramakrishna Order and presently the head of the Vedanta Society in Boston. Currently he is the Hindu chaplain at MIT and Harvard University. He has presented papers at academic conferences, and gives lectures and classes at the Vedanta Society, MIT, Harvard, and other colleges in and around Boston.

January 16, 2025 – Rev. Dr. Kirk Byron Jones

Prayer as Soul Talk: An Enriching Practice for Spiritual Engagement

Rev. Dr. Kirk Byron Jones is a graduate of Loyola University and Andover Newton Theological School and holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from Emory University and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Drew University. A retired pastor of forty years, Dr. Jones now writes and coaches new authors. He serves as guest preacher and teach at churches, schools and conferences throughout the United States. His writings have been published in various journals, including *The Christian Century*, *Leadership*, *Gospel Today*, *Pulpit Digest*, and *The African American Pulpit*, a quarterly preaching journal he co-founded in 1997. For his past and continuing ministry with seminarians and clergy, Rev. Jones is affectionately referred to as “The Preacher’s Teacher.”

February 20, 2025 – Chaplain Omer Bajwa

Conversing With God: An Islamic Approach to Ritual Prayer

Chaplain Omer Bajwa serves as Director of Muslim Life in the Chaplain's Office at Yale University and is a Lecturer at Yale Divinity School. He earned his Graduate Certificate in Islamic Chaplaincy from Hartford Seminary, and he has been engaged in religious service, social activism, interfaith engagement, and educational outreach since 2000. He regularly lectures on these topics around the country, and mentors contemporary Muslims on exploring their intellectual and spiritual lives in today's world. Omer is a co-editor of the book, *Mantle of Mercy: Islamic Chaplaincy in North America* by Templeton Press.

March 20, 2025 – Kathleen Noone Deignan, C.N.D., Ph.D.

Prayer Matters in the Dark Night of Creation-The Ecological Wisdom of Thomas Merton

Sr. Kathleen Deignan, C.N.D., Ph.D., is Professor of Religious and Environmental Studies at Iona College, where she founded and directs the Iona Spirituality Institute and co-convenes the Thomas Berry Forum for Ecological Dialogue. The President Emerita of the International Thomas Merton Society, she now animates the Merton Contemplative at Iona and sits on the board of the American Teilhard Association. She holds a master's degree in the History of Christian Spirituality and a doctorate in Historical Theology from Fordham University.

April 24, 2025 – Cantors Rosalie Will and Ellen Dreskin

Heart of the Matter: A Jewish Musical Perspective on the Significance of Prayer

Cantor Dreskin and Cantor Will are both leaders in communal worship and ritual and bring their collective musical abilities to this presentation.

Cantor Ellen Dreskin holds an MA in Jewish Communal Service from Brandeis University and has been a Scholar-in-Residence at dozens of congregations across the country. She has served as Cantor/Educator at congregations in both White Plains, N.Y and Cleveland, Ohio.

Cantor Rosalie Will travels as cantor-in-residence, mentors clergy in the field and consults on issues of worship, music, and synagogue transition and change. She is also founder and Executive Director of *Sing Unto God*, and serves as lead consultant for the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) on issues related to music and worship.

Abbey Information

Masses and Worship Schedules:

The Eucharist is celebrated each day and the monks pray the Liturgy of the Hours (chanting, psalms, reading scriptures) four or five times each day. ALL ARE WELCOME to join in these prayer times, regardless of religious background.

Sunday Mass is at 9:30

Daily Mass is at 12:00

Liturgy of the Hours

Vigils (end of night prayer)	6:30 AM
Lauds (morning prayer)	7:45 AM
Vespers (evening prayer)	5:15 PM
Compline (night prayer)	7:45 PM

Compline is at 7:15 PM on the first Tuesday of the month.

Compline on the last Monday of the month includes Adoration for Vocations

Glastonbury Abbey Gift Shop and Bookstore:

The bookstore offers a selection of religious titles, both new and traditional, and a wide range of gifts for all sacramental occasions.

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Hours: Sunday	10:45 AM – 12:30 PM
Monday – Friday	9:30 AM – 4:00 PM
Saturday	9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Glastonbury Mass Guild/Spiritual Enrollments

The Glastonbury Mass Guild has prayerfully and financially supported the monastery since 1955. Our Spiritual Enrollments are a beautiful way to share the gift of your love, faith and hope with anyone you know in need of prayer. When loved ones, living or deceased, are enrolled, they are included in the daily Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, and all the monk's prayers and good works.

- To order custom printed Annual and Perpetual Enrollments online visit our website: www.glastonburyabbey.org
- All enrollments are also available in the Bookstore or by contacting the Mass Guild office – 781-749-2155 x342 or email massguild@glastonburyabbey.org

Oblates of Glastonbury Abbey

Oblates are men and women from many Christian denominations who seek to deepen their spiritual journey through a process of prayer, study and reflection in community with like-minded individuals. They are lay people, religious, married and single who have chosen to follow the time-honored Benedictine method of spirituality as set forth by St. Benedict 1,500 years ago and modeled throughout the world by numerous religious orders. An Oblate learns to incorporate his or her prayer life with work, family and community. Oblates become associated with Glastonbury Abbey, but continue to worship in and strengthen their own churches and parishes.

Glastonbury Oblates meet on the first Tuesday of each month beginning with Compline in the Abbey Church at 7:15 PM. For more information, please go to our website:

www.glastonburyabbey.org/index.php/abbey/oblates

or email oblates@glastonburyabbey.org.

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Chronological List of Offerings 2024 – 2025

- September, 11, 18, 25 – Regina Boisclair, Bible Study [SEP]
September 10 – Cathleen Kaveny, *Ethical Voting – Is It a Contradiction in Terms?* [SEP]
September 13 – 15 – *Walking the Labyrinth: Seeking a Sacred Path* [Retreat]
September 17 – *Journey of the Universe* [SEP]
September 23 – Laura Swan, *Beguines: Past and Present* [SEP]
September 24 – Laura Swan, *What the Desert Mothers Have to Say to Us Today* [SEP]
September 24 – December 10 – Kay Trask, *The Artist's Way* [Adult Education]
October 10 – April 7 - *Commonweal Conversations* [SEP]
October 14 – March 10 – Timothy Joyce, *What Do We (I) Really Believe* [SEP]
October 17 – Christian Wiman, *The Days We Cannot Pray: Poetry, Prayer and Other Forms of Listening* [LOV]
October 21 – Bryan Hehir, *Catholic Teaching on War & Peace: Principles and Cases* [SEP]
October 21 – 24 – *A Benedictine Experience of Praying through the Seasons* [Retreat]
November 6, 13, 20 – Regina Boisclair, Bible Study [SEP]
November 7 – *Finding the Grace in Gratitude* [Retreat]
November 12, 19, 26 – Nicholas Morcone, *Three Popes* [SEP]
November 21 – Swami Tyagananda, *Prayer as a Spiritual Discipline* [LOV]
December 6-8 – *Advent Retreat: Beyond the Stable* [Retreat]
December 10 – Massimo Faggioli, *Long Live Synodality* [SEP]
January 8, 15, 22, 29 – Regina Boisclair, Bible Study [SEP]
January 16 – Rev. Dr. Kirk Byron Jones, *Prayer as Soul Talk: An Enriching Practice for Spiritual Engagement* [LOV]
January 20-24 – *A New Year Guided Retreat: loving Our Becoming* [Retreat]
January 21, 28 and February 11 – John Sheff, *From Languishing to Flourishing: Becoming Your Best Self* [Adult Education]
January 31 – February – *Resting in God: A Meditation Retreat* [Retreat]
February 9 – *Simply Sacred Sunday* [Retreat]
February 20 – Chaplain Omer Bajwa, *Conversing With God: An Islamic Approach to Ritual Prayer* [LOV]
February 25 – Maureen Sullivan, *Female Deaconate: If Not Now ... When?* [SEP]
February 28 – March 2 – *Patrick Roll Caregivers Retreat* [Retreat]
March 7-9 – *Lenten Weekend Retreat*
March 13 – Aaron Wessman, *A Catholic Approach to the Perils of Polarization* [SEP]
March 20 – Kathleen Noone Deignan, *Prayer Matters in the Dark Night of Creation – The Ecological Wisdom of Thomas Merton* [LOV]
March 28-30 – *A Creative Approach to the 12 Steps of Recovery* [Retreat]
April 2 – *Hildegard of Bingen and the God Who Causes the Grasses to Laugh* [Retreat]
April 6 – *Zentangle* [Retreat]
April 17-20 – *Sacred Triduum Retreat* [Retreat]
April 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28 – Regina Boisclair, Bible Study [SEP]
April 24 – Cantors Rosalie Will and Ellen Dreskin, *Heart of the Matter: A Jewish Musical Perspective on the Significance of Prayer* [LOV]
April 29 – Julie Upton, *Mothers and Fathers of the Early Church* [SEP]
May 8 – Christina Leano, *What Does Contemplation Have to Do with the Climate Crisis?* [SEP]
May 9 – 11 – Christina Leano, *Ecological Spirituality* [Retreat]
May 18 – *Simple Sacred Sunday* [Retreat]
May 30 – June 1 – *Using Poetry as a Means of Delving Deeper into the Word of God* [Retreat]
August 3 – *Simply Sacred Sunday* [Retreat]

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