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April 2014



National Autism Awareness Month

[How to Welcome, Include, and Catechize Children with Autism and Other Special Needs: A Parish-based Approach](#) (Book) Sutton, Lawrence R., Loyola Press, 2013. Deacon Larry Sutton provides bishops, pastors, DREs, and other diocesan and parish leaders with a guide for creating a program that addresses the needs of children with physical, developmental, and cognitive disabilities and welcomes them into the life of the parish. Provide one-on-one customized catechesis using existing resources, inspire teens to volunteer, and revitalize, educate, and involve the entire parish. The book also provides the insights needed to build an effective faith formation program. (A)

[How to Welcome, Include and Catechize Children with Autism and other Special Needs](#)

Deacon Lawrence R. Sutton

April 4, 2014-9:30-3:00 /Isaac Orr Conference Center (910 Marion Bldg.)

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[Awakening Spiritual Dimensions: Prayer Services with Persons with Severe Disabilities](#) (Book) Gillum, William, Author House, 2007. Presents a program whereby persons with severe mental and physical disabilities and their caregivers are given the tools and the opportunity to awaken the Spirit of God within them. The book begins with a presentation on the purpose and methods used to allow its participants to evoke, awaken, and intuit the love and presence of God during a time of prayer. The somewhat contemplative prayer services use a sensory-based model allowing symbols, sight, sounds, aroma, touch, and people to bring about a sense of the sacred to all who have gathered for prayer. (A)

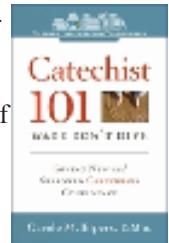
[Pastoral Ministry with Persons with Disabilities: Parish Resource Guide](#) (Book) Archdiocese of Newark, 2013. Intended to empower you to respond pastorally to individuals and families living with disabilities. It provides an introduction to foundational issues, general strategies and orientation for the inclusion and participation of individuals with learning, intellectual and developmental disabilities in catechesis, liturgy, and the full life of the parish. While there is an emphasis on catechetical strategies, much of the information discussed here is applicable for ministry with adults, as well as individuals with other disabilities. (A)

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[Rhythms of Grace: Worship and Faith Formation for Children and Families With Special Needs](#) (Book) Morehouse Education Resources, 2010. Scripture-based session plans, as well as the material needed to establish a successful program. The program includes 12 monthly sessions and 6 feast sessions, plus background material. A resource designed to meet the spiritual needs of children and families living with autism spectrum disorders. Participant families gather monthly with program leaders and volunteers for sessions that are a hybrid of worship and faith formation. Helps children and their families feel at the center of a worship/formation experience that is specific to their needs and circumstances, rather than merely at the margins of a more conventionally "inclusive" program of worship or faith formation. (A)

[Catechist 101: Wade, Don't Dive](#) (Book) Eipers, Carole, Twenty-Third Publications, 2014. Eipers brings her considerable storytelling gifts, years of catechetical experience, and clear common sense to this honest and reassuring work. More than a how-to guide (although the classroom tips are brilliant), more than a journal or memoir (although Eipers accounts of her teaching experiences will have catechists smiling and nodding their heads), this empowering book can help both new and seasoned catechists discover what they can do. (A)



*Special Needs Mass
Archbishop J.Peter Sartain
St. James Cathedral*

Saturday, April 5th, 2014 --11:00 am

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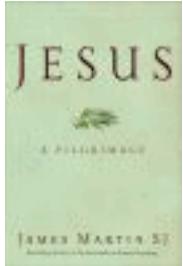
Mini Retreats for Meaningful Living-Family: God Is in the Mix of It All (DVD) Our Sunday Visitor, 2014. Imagine being able to invite Fr. Joe Kempf to lead a dynamic family retreat in your parish. Or, imagine him coming visiting each parish family in their home and leading a personal retreat?

Now both are possible with this DVD series created just for Catholic families. Let Fr. Joe educate, entertain, and inspire in this dynamic mini-retreat that helps families learn when and how to let go, how to strengthen the family bond and ways to find a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. The three talks and one guided meditation can be shown in large-group settings such as adult education classes, Sacramental Preparation sessions or to families to view at home. (P,I,J,S,A)



Francis: The Pope From the New World (DVD) Janson Media, 2013. Unveils the personality, passion and extraordinary faith of the new Pope. Filmed on location in Buenos Aires, and featuring interviews with close friends, collaborators, and his official biographer this documentary traces the remarkable rise of Jorge Mario Bergoglio. From growing up surrounded by soccer games and tango music to his defense of the poor and marginalized this film explores the abiding compassion and unwavering resolve of a priest, a bishop and now a Pope seeking to bring the Church to the frontiers of society. From overcoming the challenges of the day including Argentina's Dirty War, to his tireless advocacy for the poor, this film paints an indelible portrait of a towering figure of our time. (S,A)

Jesus: A Pilgrimage (Book) Martin, James, Harper One, 2014. James Martin, SJ, brings the Gospels to life and invites believers and seekers alike to experience Jesus through Scripture, prayer and travel. Combining the fascinating insights of historical Jesus studies with profound spiritual insights about the Christ of faith, Father Martin recreates the world of first-century Galilee and Judea to usher you into Jesus' life and times and show readers how Jesus speaks to us today. Martin also brings together the most up-to-date Scripture scholarship, wise spiritual reflections, and lighthearted stories about traveling through the Holy Land with a fellow (and funny) Jesuit, visiting important sites in the life of Jesus of Nazareth. (S,A)



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Frozen (DVD) Walt Disney Studios Home Entertainment, 2014. 3-D animated musical loosely based on the Hans Christian Anderson fairy tale "The Snow Queen". The new queen of a mythical kingdom accidentally unleashes her power to create ice and snow, causing an eternal winter. She retreats into exile, but her princess sister is determined to find her and undo the spell. Joining the younger royal's epic odyssey are an amiable mountain man, his silent reindeer sidekick, and a comedic snowman. This good-natured film has something for everyone: Broadway-style show tunes, thrilling adventure, gorgeous visuals, cute-as-a-button characters, and a nice message about the enduring bonds of family. There are even a few respectful religious overtones likely to please believers. The Catholic News Service classification is A-I -- general patronage. (P,I,J,S,A)

Captain Phillips (DVD) Engrossing, complex and compassionate docudrama about the skipper of a giant container ship who is taken hostage by Somali pirates off the horn of Africa in 2009. Director Paul Greengrass, a master of the format, skillfully re-creates the harrowing maritime ordeal while keeping the humanity of all those concerned in the foreground. Exhibiting a rare combination of empathy and technical virtuosity, the movie highlights numerous moral dilemmas without passing conclusive judgment on any of them. Hank's nuanced performance is given a fascinating counterweight by the memorable turn of Barkhad Abdi as the lead pirate. Because its fair and empathetic treatment provides a model for processing the events depicted, the film is probably suitable for older teens. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III – adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13. (S,A)

Filmclips for Catholic Youth Faith Formation (DVD) Paulist Productions, 2011. Provides short fully licensed clips from popular Hollywood movies with age-appropriate teacher guides designed to launch exciting K-12 cross-curriculum standards based learning experiences. Its purpose is to stimulate a love of learning, an attitude of inquiry, a passion for truth, and a questioning mind. Beyond answers alone, Film Clips help students ask the right questions, and discover their answers through mutual respect, creative thinking, reasoning, judging, and understanding. (P,I,J,S)

Mercy in the City: How to Feed the Hungry, Give Drink to the Thirsty, Visit the Imprisoned, and Keep your Day Job (Book) Weber, Kerry, Loyola Press, 2014. A modern, young, single woman in New York City sets out to see if she can practice the Corporal Works of Mercy in an authentic, personal manner while maintaining a full, robust, regular life. Weber, a lay Catholic, explores the Works of Mercy in the real world, with an honesty and transparency that people of urban, country, and suburban locales alike can relate to. The book is for anyone who is struggling to live in a meaningful, merciful way amid the pressures of "real life." (S,A)

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