

Rock Hill Oratory Center for Spirituality

FALL 2024 EVENTS

September 14, 2024, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Called to be “Friends of God and Prophets”
in 2024 and Beyond

ROCK HILL ORATORY 434 CHARLOTTE AVE, ROCK HILL, 29730

October 5, 2024, 9:30 am - 11:45 am

Practicing Resurrection Living the Paschal Mystery

ROCK HILL ORATORY 434 CHARLOTTE AVE, ROCK HILL, 29730 / **ONLINE**

October 25, 2024, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm / October 26, 2024, 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

The Wisdom of the Christian Mystics for Today

ROCK HILL ORATORY 434 CHARLOTTE AVE, ROCK HILL, 29730 / **ONLINE**

November 14, 2024 OR November 16, 2024, 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

A Day with the Gospel of Luke

ROCK HILL ORATORY 434 CHARLOTTE AVE, ROCK HILL, 29730

MUSIC BY ANASTASIA KIR FROM PIXABAY

ROCK HILL ORATORY CENTER FOR SPIRITUALITY
434 CHARLOTTE AVE, ROCK HILL, 29730





THE ORATORY
Rock Hill Congregation of St. Philip Neri

Annual Women's Retreat

September 14, 2024, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Called to be "Friends of God and Prophets"
in 2024 and Beyond

ROCK HILL ORATORY 434 CHARLOTTE AVE, ROCK HILL, 29730

Guest Presenter: Sister Susan Schorsten, H.M.

Pope Francis says that each of us is called to holiness – how do we live into this call to be holy? Can we become "Friends of God and Prophets" (Wisdom 7:27) by living the Beatitudes (Matt 5:3-12; Luke 6:20-23) today amid the chaos and challenges we experience in our daily lives? Come away and spend the day quietly reflecting on these questions.



Susan Schorsten, H.M., has served in a variety of ministries in her community and in the Diocese of Charleston. This is the 9th Women's Retreat she has led for us, in addition to many other programs and retreats.

REGISTRATION: Suggested Donation: \$50 (Lunch included)

Payment may be made as a Donation to the *Center for Spirituality* or upon arrival at the program.

Email: oratorycenter@gmail.com with *Women's Retreat* in the subject line

Oratory Website: <https://rockhilloratory.org/events/annual-womens-retreat-2/>

ROCK HILL ORATORY CENTER FOR SPIRITUALITY
434 CHARLOTTE AVE, ROCK HILL, 29730





The 44th Annual Cardinal Newman Lecture

October 5, 2024, 9:30 am - 11:45 am

Practicing Resurrection Living the Paschal Mystery

ROCK HILL ORATORY 434 CHARLOTTE AVE, ROCK HILL, 29730 / ONLINE

Guest Presenter: Dr. Jay Cormier

In the midst of the “crucifixions” in our world and the many “deaths” we experience in our everyday lives, how do we make “resurrection” more than an article of faith but a practice, a living manifestation of our belief and hope in God’s Easter promise? Our time together will consider signs of “resurrection” around us, stories of those who have been the means of resurrection in their communities, and how we can change our own perspective in order to become “witnesses of the Resurrection” that, in Baptism, Christ calls us to become.



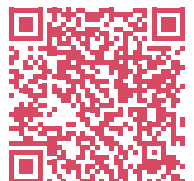
Jay Cormier is a Deacon for the Diocese of Manchester, New Hampshire and teaches homiletics at Pope Saint John XXIII National Seminary and humanities and communications at Saint Anselm College. He also writes and edits *Connections*, a monthly newsletter of ideas, images and resources for homilists and teachers. He has graduate degrees in communications and theology. The author of several books and a contributor to *Give Us This Day* and other Catholic periodicals, he also facilitates retreats and workshops around the country.

REGISTRATION: The Newman Lecture will be available *in-person* and *online*. When registering, please indicate the chosen option. For those attending in person, the day will include Eucharist and a light lunch. Pre-registration is appreciated. For those attending online, pre-registration is required to receive the link.

Email: oratorycenter@gmail.com with *Newman Lecture* in the subject line

Oratory Website: <https://rockhilloratory.org/events/annual-cardinal-newman-lecture/>

ROCK HILL ORATORY CENTER FOR SPIRITUALITY
434 CHARLOTTE AVE, ROCK HILL, 29730





THE ORATORY
Rock Hill Congregation of St. Philip Neri

Practical Mysticism

October 25, 2024, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm / October 26, 2024, 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

The Wisdom of the Christian Mystics for Today

ROCK HILL ORATORY 434 CHARLOTTE AVE, ROCK HILL, 29730 / ONLINE

The 20th century theologian Karl Rahner famously said, “The Christian of the future will be a mystic or will not exist.” But what could he have meant by this? What is mysticism, and what does it have to do with ordinary people leading ordinary lives?

This retreat is for anyone who wants a deeper spirituality, and who suspects that the great mystics, visionaries, and contemplatives of the Christian tradition have something to share with us. Drawing on the wisdom of great mystics like Julian of Norwich, St. Teresa of Ávila and Evelyn Underhill, we’ll bring mysticism down to earth and consider how the contemplative life is for everyone — not just saints or nuns and monks. We’ll reflect on what mysticism is, why it matters, and how we can draw on the wisdom of the mystics to find a deeper and more meaningful spiritual life, right here and right now.

Friday Evening: Wisdom of the Christian Mystics: An overview of some of the key teachings of the great mystics and contemplatives of history, and how those teachings can inspire our faith journeys today.

Saturday: Practical Christian Mysticism: A more practical/experiential retreat day, where we’ll consider some of the mystics’ teachings on prayer, meditation and contemplation: with plenty of time for personal prayer and group reflection.

Carl McColman is a contemplative writer, spiritual director and retreat leader based in Atlanta. His books include *The New Big Book of Christian Mysticism* and *Eternal Heart: the Mystical Path to a Joyful Life*.



REGISTRATION: This program will be available *in-person* and *online*. Pre-registration is required to receive the link. Be sure to include if you wish to attend *in-person* and *online*.

Suggested Donation: \$55, limited overnight accommodations available for Friday night: \$45

Email: oratorycenter@gmail.com with *Practical Mysticism* in the subject line

Oratory Website: <https://rockhilloratory.org/events/carl-mccolman/>

ROCK HILL ORATORY CENTER FOR SPIRITUALITY
434 CHARLOTTE AVE, ROCK HILL, 29730





A Day with the Gospel of Luke

November 14, 2024 OR November 16, 2024, 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

A Day with the Gospel of Luke

ROCK HILL ORATORY 434 CHARLOTTE AVE, ROCK HILL, 29730

Dr. Peter Judge

As we soon begin a new liturgical year, we come back to Cycle C, with the Gospel According to St. Luke as the principal source of our Sunday Gospel readings for the year. Participants in this in-person, interactive session will consider the overall structure and content of the Third Gospel, its special themes and unique features, and the ways that Luke portrays Jesus and his followers. It is highly recommended that you read the entire Gospel of Luke (preferably in one sitting) before coming to the session.



REGISTRATION:

The same program is offered both days. Please indicate the day when you register.

Suggested Donation: \$30

Payment may be made as a Donation to the *Center for Spirituality* or upon arrival.

Email: oratorycenter@gmail.com with *Day with Luke* in the subject line

Oratory Website: <https://rockhilloratory.org/events/a-day-with-the-gospel-of-luke/>

ROCK HILL ORATORY CENTER FOR SPIRITUALITY
434 CHARLOTTE AVE, ROCK HILL, 29730

