

You are invited to Alpha!

Prince of Peace Parish will present a series of Wednesday evening sessions offering the opportunity to explore and discuss questions of life and faith during the 11-week Alpha program beginning on March 4 and continuing through May 13 in Father Shellman Hall at the Church of the Nativity.

Our series during the Lenten and Easter seasons will be offered in partnership with Alpha International, whose program has been introduced in more than 100 countries over the past three decades. Prince of Peace Pastor Father Jim Gregory will serve as moderator and the parish Alpha team will coordinate each session. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Each session will feature a video presentation in association with Alpha that focuses on basic questions of Christian faith about Jesus, prayer, the Bible, good and evil, the Holy Spirit, evangelization and other topics. The theme for each evening will provide the framework for small group discussions that encourage informal exchange of perspectives and questions in a respectful, friendly and non-judgmental spirit. Sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a simple meal shared in community by all participants, and will conclude by 8:30 p.m.

Participants also will be invited to join in a retreat weekend program of video presentations, discussion, prayer, reflection, singing and meals during the final month of the series.

The parish Alpha team invites all who are interested in participating in the Alpha series to come and experience the opening session on March 4, with no obligation to continue in subsequent weeks. To help the team in planning for the opening night dinner and program, we encourage guests to register online via the link on the home page of this website, to use the sign-up sheet at church, or to contact parish Alpha coordinator Jackie LePine at (203) 217-1469 or jmlepine@hotmail.com. Walk-ins are also welcome.

The Alpha program is appropriate for all, not just for practicing Catholics or Christians. "As the name suggests, Alpha is the beginning of a journey," Father Jim observes. "As a community of disciples, we invite and welcome everyone to a deeper relationship with the person of Jesus so that they may know the love of God."