

Here's what parishioners say about OLPH Scripture Study –

*"... great insights by members in a common-sense way, none of us were Scripture Scholars."*

*"My understanding of 'familiar' stories has become much fuller and complete."*

*"Everyone is heard, everyone expresses their thoughts and we are all accepting..."*

*"[Strengths of the program are] the building of friendships, the honesty and sharing, the patience of others in our Group to allow others to grow at their own pace."*

*"[I] gain from regular study and fellowship -- parishioners I would not otherwise connect with."*

*"I am able to make links between and among other Books of the Bible now that I know a lot more and recognize certain passages that we've read during Sunday liturgies."*

## OLPH Scripture Study Program

Participants meet in small groups of 8-12 people with facilitators to help lead and focus discussion. Groups meet in either homes or parish rooms at convenient times throughout the week.

Each participant receives a Study Set containing Scripture, Commentary and a Study Guide.

The Commentary provides a deeper understanding and context of the biblical passages. The Study Guide directs reflection with daily questions. This forms the foundation for each session's small-group sharing.

A short video lecture by Fr. Elliott Dees follows the discussion. This helps to develop and clarify the themes of the weekly lessons.

Prayer is the most essential part of the Scripture Study program. In addition to daily personal prayer, participants use a simple, effective method of shared prayer in the small group.

*For other program inquiries or information on Spanish language groups, contact Fr. Elliott Dees, 847-729-1525, [edees@olphchurch-il.org](mailto:edees@olphchurch-il.org) or Judy Gerth, Lay Coordinator, 847-475-4115, [gerthjudy@aol.com](mailto:gerthjudy@aol.com)*

# OLPH SCRIPTURE STUDY



*Featuring*

## GENESIS

*Special Additional Offering*

*"Introduction to the Bible"*

**Registration  
Jan. 17 – Feb. 1, 2015**

# **Genesis**

## **11 Weekly sessions**

Genesis tells the story of beginnings: God's creation of the world, the beginning of human activity and the beginning of God's redemptive covenant making with human beings (the stories of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph and his brothers).

Without competing with modern scientific understandings, this study investigates two different accounts in Genesis of the creation of the world and how both reveal timeless truths about God's creative purposes.

Stories of universal human sinfulness lead to a divine plan of redemption initiated in the call of Abraham and Sarah.

Through accounts both humorous and suspenseful of the lives of ancient Israel's patriarchs and matriarchs, Genesis lays the foundation for the epic story of the Exodus, the liberation of God's people from slavery in Egypt.

The Commentary for this Genesis study was written by Joan E. Cook, SC, who teaches Scripture at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. She is author of *Hannah's Desire, God's Design and Hear, O Heavens and Listen, O Earth: An Introduction to the Prophets*, which won a first-place Catholic Press Association award. Cook has also written numerous articles on biblical women and biblical prayer.



### Special Additional Offering

### **INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE**

**Wednesdays**  
**February 11 – March 25**  
**9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.**  
**Glenview Public Library**

*This special 7-session study is for newcomers and experienced Bible students alike.*

*Participants will become comfortable finding their way around the Bible and develop a better understanding of themes and writing styles.*

*Discover how the Bible came to be, how to choose a Bible translation, how to interpret the Bible within Catholic tradition, and how to benefit the most from Bible study.*

## **REGISTRATION**

**(Jan. 17 – Feb. 1)**

### 3 ways to register:

1. Return this form to Parish Office
2. Online: [www.olphglenview.org](http://www.olphglenview.org)
3. Contact Registrar: Sarah Hill,  
[silanehill@gmail.com](mailto:silanehill@gmail.com), 847-533-2620

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Please register me for the following:

**GENESIS**  
**11 sessions**  
*Weeks of Feb. 9 – Mar. 23 & Apr. 13 – May 4*

Time preference:  
9:30--11 a.m. \_\_\_\_ 1--2:30 p.m. \_\_\_\_ 7:30--9 p.m. \_\_\_\_

Day preference:  
Mon. \_\_\_\_ Tues. \_\_\_\_ Wed. \_\_\_\_ Thurs. \_\_\_\_ Fri. \_\_\_\_

**INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE**  
**7 sessions**  
*Wednesdays, Feb. 11 – March 25*  
*9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.*

Space is limited. First come, first served basis.

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Program materials fee: \$25  
(Enclose with registration or bring to 1<sup>st</sup> session.)