



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica

Presents

The Year of Mercy Basilica Series

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica
343 Via Mt. Carmel
Youngstown, Ohio 44505

Wednesday, February 24

7:00 p.m.

Mr. Peter Schafer

Topic:

Faith? Doubt? Despair?

Using Scripture references regarding faith and doubt and insights of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI we will explore our understanding of faith, doubt, and despair and how each experience relates to our understanding of who we are and how we interact with others.

In this Year of Mercy how can these experiences help us to reconcile and reach out to others who are struggling with Faith, Doubt and Despair?

Wednesday, March 16

7:00 p.m.

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Topic:

**Pride-Vanity-Longing-Hope:
Engaging Today's Culture with
Tomorrow's Reality**

Contemporary culture's endless and fruitless search for fulfillment and meaning connects well to Qoheleth's futile laments in the book of Ecclesiastes.

Citing letters from St. Paul, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI's Spe Salvi and other sources the integral role of imagination in the human person will be explored.

In this Year of Mercy how can we reach out to those afflicted to offer them Hope?

Guest Speaker – Mr. Peter Schafer
Director of Lay Ministry Formation, Diocese of Youngstown

Pete is a lifelong Catholic who grew up in the Youngstown Diocese. He first felt called to ministry during his college years. Since then he has been active in ministry in various parishes and communities in Ohio and beyond as a coordinator of religious education and youth ministry at the parish and college level as well. In addition, Pete has been a high school religion teacher, a young adult mission trip coordinator and an adjunct theology professor. Pete studied theology at Ohio Dominican University, the University of Dayton and the Catholic University of America where he is in the process of completing a PhD in Religious Education and Catechesis. He and his wife have three children and are expecting their fourth child at the end of April.

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