

What a year! Thank you for your patience and fidelity as we worked to offer our programs during the pandemic. This year we will continue to offer all our lectures/programs virtually, while shifting to a hybrid model; i.e., both in-person and virtual presentations for most events.

We encourage everyone to register online for each event even if you plan on attending in person. That way, you will have the Zoom information if your plans to attend in person change or if we experience inclement weather.

Registration is accepted up to 12:00 pm the day of each event unless otherwise noted. Please register on the website: www.glastonburyabbey.org. Walk-ins to the Morcone Center are always welcome. During this transition year, we urge you to check Glastonbury Abbey's Facebook page or website for possible late changes to programs. Thank you for your support.

About the Glastonbury Abbey Institute:

The Institute is an extension of the rich Benedictine monastic teaching tradition found at Glastonbury Abbey. As a spiritual resource for lifelong learning, we invite all people from diverse interfaith and cultural traditions to explore and deepen human ways of knowing and being.

Please Note:

All programs will be held at the Morcone Conference Center, 20 Hull Street, Hingham, MA 02043. All programs will take place from 7:00 - 8:30 unless otherwise noted. All programs (except Reiki and *The Secret Embrace*) will also be available on Zoom.

The Institute is self-supporting. Donations of any amount are deeply appreciated and will help us cover the cost of our programs.

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Questions? Please call 781-749-2155 x300

Special Event

November 20, Saturday, 9:00 - 4:30:

"The Secret Embrace"

\$120 - Morning coffee and lunch are included.



The Rev. Cynthia Bourgeault is an internationally acclaimed writer and retreat leader and a frequent teacher at Glastonbury Abbey. She was a close student of Thomas Keating for three decades and is the author of two books on Centering Prayer plus an extended teaching commentary of Thomas Keating's final work, *THE SECRET EMBRACE*. In this haiku-like final teaching, Thomas Keating encapsulates a lifetime's wisdom in eight haiku-like poems, exploring such insights as surrender, nondual awakening, divine creativity, and joy. Ted Jones is Thomas Keating's nephew and accompanied him closely during the final months of his life and at his death. He is a teacher of Buddhist Insight Meditation and lives in Newburyport, MA.

These poems will be the subject of Cynthia's and Ted's exploration. The day will also include two periods of centering prayer and time for questions and dialogue.

Advanced registration is required for this program.

Registration closes on Thursday, November 18. No walk-ins.

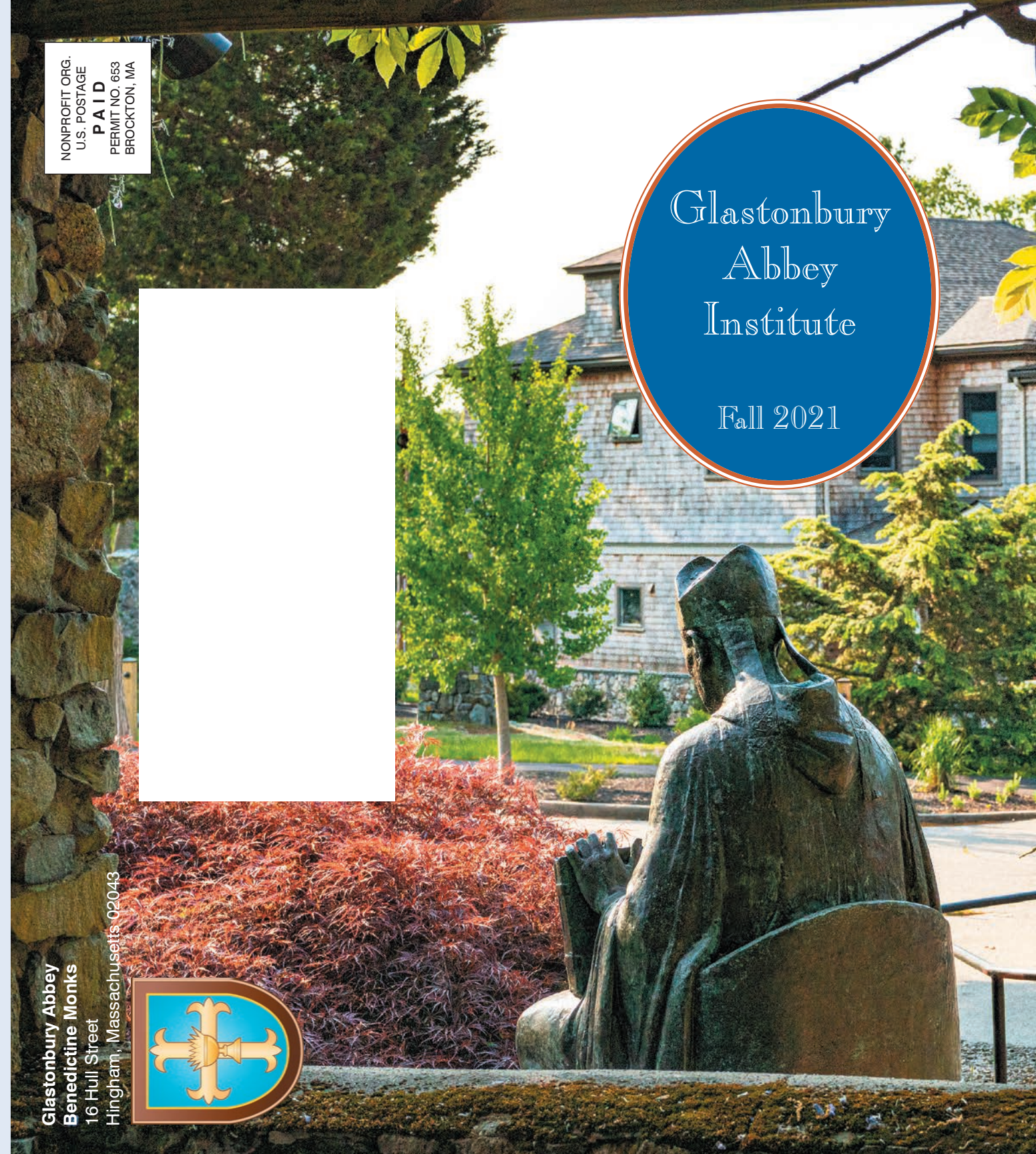
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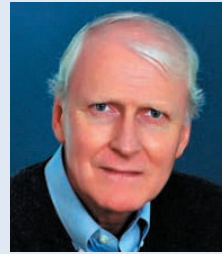
September 23, Thursday

“The Prophets, Jesus and the Prophetic Voice Today”

This presentation will focus on the Jewish prophets and their recurrent call to the people of Israel to return to covenant relationship with the God who chose them from among all people. It will also describe Jesus as the Christian fulfillment of that call and how it continues to surface throughout history in the voices of those who speak truth to power on behalf of God’s sense of justice for all people, especially the most vulnerable among us.

Peter W. Gyves, SJ, MD

Father Gyves is the founder and director of *A Faith That Does Justice, Inc.*, an interfaith organization that raises consciousness about social issues affecting the most vulnerable among us. He entered the Society of Jesus in 2003 and was ordained a priest in 2008. He has lived and worked in several countries outside the United States, both as a physician and a priest, including El Salvador and Guatemala during their civil wars of the 1980’s and early 1990’s.



Father Gyves has degrees from Boston College (B.S., 1973. M.A. – Theology, 1994), Georgetown University (M.D., 1978), Johns Hopkins University (M.P.H., 2005), and Weston School of Theology (STL., 2008).

October 7, Thursday, and October 12, 19, 26, Tuesday:

“Still Catholic? The Reasons I Stay – The Reasons I May Leave?”

An exploration of what we believe and how it might be imagined differently. Some history, some theology, some dialogue, and much discussion will be included. In addition to questions about the Church, we will discuss One’s image of God; Centrality of Jesus Christ; Place of the Bible; Science and Religion; Mystical tradition and other aspects of our faith tradition.

Timothy Joyce, OSB, STL

Father Timothy is a monk of Glastonbury Abbey. He holds an advanced degree in systematic theology from the Gregorian University in Rome. He is a licensed theologian, a writer--which includes a monthly blog, “Monastic Scribe,” on our website--and a lecturer. He gives spiritual direction, and leads pilgrimages far and wide. He has been at Glastonbury Abbey since 1976.



November 9, 16, 23, 30, Tuesdays

“When Bishops Meet” a book by John W. O’Malley available at the Abbey Bookstore.

This program will be a book discussion moderated by Fr. Nicholas Morcone, OSB

Councils of the Church are little known and less understood events in the history of the Church. There have been twenty-one councils and they have all had an impact on church life, belief and practice. The author looks at the Councils of Trent, Vatican I, and Vatican II and identifies similarities and differences in order to better understand their impact. We will spend one session on each section. These meetings will take the format of a book club discussion with participants making the principal contribution to the process.

Nicholas Morcone, OSB

Father Nicholas is a lifelong student of history. He was abbot of the Glastonbury community from 1986-2008. He is now Master of Liturgical Ceremonies. He leads retreats and spiritual direction. He is also in charge of maintenance of our buildings. He has been at Glastonbury Abbey since 1963.



October 11, November 1, December 6, Mondays

Commonweal Conversations

Commonweal Conversation is a program promoting thoughtful, expansive, intelligent dialogue on issues that matter – whether political, theological, cultural, or artistic. We encourage all participants to offer their opinions respectfully while also generously considering opinions that do not match their own. We learn by listening to others.

Maggie Olson and Kathy St. Onge will moderate.

The topics for this fall are:

October 11 – Joe Biden and American Catholicism

November 1 – “Fratelli Tutti”

December 6 – Art, Beauty and Meaning

November 6, Saturday, 9:30 – 4:30:

Reiki Level 1 Workshop

\$110 (or \$180 for two if you sign up with a friend)

Reiki is a gentle yet powerful healing technique that anyone can learn. Reiki Level 1 focuses on self-healing. This holistic energy works to assist your body in reducing the effects of stress, tension, chronic pain and fatigue. Upon completion of this workshop you will receive the Reiki 1 attunement and certificate.

Denise Patts is a Reiki Master Teacher, and is a graduate of the Rhys Thomas Institute with a certificate of Energy Medicine Practitioner/Master Healer.



Advanced registration is required for this program.

Registration closes on Thursday, November 4. No walk-ins.

December 14, Tuesday

“The Saint John’s Bible: America’s Book of Kells!”

The Saint John’s Bible is the first hand-written and illuminated Bible commissioned by a Benedictine Monastery in 500 years. The monks at St. John’s Abbey and University in Collegeville, Minnesota, contracted Donald Jackson, calligrapher to the crown of the United Kingdom, to produce this Bible.

Following some remarks about St. John’s Abbey and Donald Jackson, this talk will discuss how the Bible was produced using both ancient and contemporary tools and examine some illuminations: the magnificent Creation, frontispiece for Genesis, and those for each of the four gospels. The Abbey hopes this Bible will ignite the spiritual imagination of contemporary people throughout the world. It is a prophetic witness to the Word of God.

Regina Boisclair

Dr. Regina Boisclair started her career as a university librarian. She then pursued degrees in biblical studies at Providence College, Yale Divinity School, the Ecole Biblique et Archeologie Francaise de Jerusalem and a PhD from Temple University. She taught at Merrimack College, Temple University, University of San Diego and Alaska Pacific University where she held the Cardinal Newman Chair of Catholic Theology for twenty years. Currently she is a participant in the on-line project “The Bible In Its Traditions” with the Ecole Biblique in Jerusalem and a task-force of the Catholic Biblical Association of America concerned with the Sunday readings appointed from Hebrews.

