

Spiritual Care for Those with Alzheimer's and Dementia



New Workshop for Congregations and Others Dealing with Alzheimer's and Dementia

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One in a continuing series of community programs sponsored by

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21 South Bedford Street (Route 18)

Abington, Massachusetts

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9:30 a.m. to Noon

As the number of people living with Alzheimer's and dementia continues to rise, providing time and space for people to reconnect with God and practice their faith greatly improves day to day living for both the person with dementia and their loved ones. Finding ways to keep them part of worship and parish life honors the one with dementia and brings communities closer together.

But what to do, what to say, and how to interact with people with dementia can leave us feeling insecure and often ineffective. Jesus taught us to care for the "least of these." Those living with Alzheimer's and dementia are today's "least of these" who need our specialized care; they are men and women still alive inside and still able to draw strength from the presence of God.

In this workshop participants will:

- Hear stories about this ministry at work
- Learn about dementia through a brief "Dementia 101"
- Be offered guidelines for creating dementia friendly congregations
- Be taught practical "hands on" tips for visiting and engaging those with dementia; how to communicate; what to do and not do when visiting, etc.
- Be reminded of the "tools of faith" available in this ministry
- Offered ideas for support to spouses, family and caregivers

Ideal for pastoral care teams, those who make home visits, families and caregivers.

TO REGISTER please send an email to jicchurch@gmail.com or leave a voice mail message at 781-878-3394 with your name and the number of people in your party who are going to attend. No cost for admission. Limited to the first 100 registrants.