
2019 FAITH IN FILM SERIES

We are pleased to continue the parish tradition of our annual Lenten Faith in Film Festival. Now in its **thirteenth year**, we will show first run motion pictures and then discuss the images, themes, and content to see how they reflect or challenge Christian values. These films exist in the context of our contemporary culture and, as such, reflect the director's view of reality. Because of this, ***please refer to the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) ratings for each film*** and then decide whom in your family should attend the screenings. The films will be shown in the Parish Hall. This year's theme is intended to honor the recent death of Aretha Franklin, whose hit song R E S P E C T garnered her much "Respect" as an artist and as a person!

Starting this year, there will be just ONE showing of each film on THURSDAYS, starting at 2:00 p.m.

March 07

Won't you be my Neighbor - PG-13 (2018) 1hr34min

Charmingly soft-spoken and yet powerfully incisive expressing his profound ideals, Fred Rogers was a unique presence on television for generations. Through interviews of his family and colleagues, the life of this would-be pastor is explored as a man who found a more important calling to provide an oasis for children in a video sea of violent bombardment. That proved to be his landmark series, *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* (1968), a show that could gently delve into important subjects no other children's show would have dared for that time. It affords us an opportunity to explore RESPECT for Children.

March 14

Phone Call from a Stranger - unrated (1952) 1hr45min

On a flight from Chicago to Los Angeles via Iowa, lawyer David Trask gets to know three of his fellow passengers as one technical issue after another leads to delays and unscheduled stops along the way. Below the surface, the three have deeper stories, which are bringing them back to Los Angeles. Because of an incident en route and his burgeoning friendship with them, David feels compelled to help them resolve their issues. In addition, David is forced to reflect on his own issues and the reason he had originally left his home in Midland City, Iowa. It is an opportunity to reflect on how we should have RESPECT for others and not be judgmental about their life stories.

March 21

The Soloist - PG - 13 (2009) 1hr57min

In 2005, the only thing hurting Los Angeles Times columnist Steve Lopez more than his face from a recent bike accident was his pressing need for story ideas. That is when he discovers Nathaniel Ayers, a mentally ill, homeless street musician who possesses extraordinary talent, even through his half-broken instruments. Inspired by his story, Lopez writes an acclaimed series of articles about Ayers and attempts to do more to help both him and the rest of the underclass of LA have a better life. However, Lopez's good intentions run headlong in the hard realities of the strength of Ayers' personal demons and the larger social injustices facing the homeless. We will explore RESPECT for the homeless and mentally challenged.

March 28

Arranged - Not Rated (2007) 1hr30min

The movie centers on the friendship between an Orthodox Jewish woman and a Muslim woman who meet as first-year teachers at a public school in Brooklyn. Over the course of the year they learn they share much in common - not least of which is that they are both going through the process of traditional arranged marriages and ultimately assist each other in that process! We will have a look at RESPECT for two non-Christian faith traditions.

April 04

Unbroken: Path To Redemption - PG - 13 (2018) 1hr38min

When the war ended, his battle began. Based on Laura Hillenbrand's bestselling book, UNBROKEN: PATH TO REDEMPTION begins where Unbroken ends, sharing the next amazing chapter of Olympian and World War II hero Louis Zamperini's powerful true story of forgiveness, redemption, and amazing grace. The film begins with a brief summary of the first movie, of which this is the second part and allows each of us to hopefully better understand RESPECT for self and how that translates into RESPECT for family and other people.

April 11

The Man who Knew Infinity - PG - 13 (2016) 1hr48min

In the 1910s, Srinivasa Ramanujan is a man of boundless intelligence that even the abject poverty of his home in Madras, India, cannot crush. Eventually, his stellar intelligence in mathematics attract the attention of British mathematics professor, G.H. Hardy, who invites him to Trinity College at Cambridge. Forced to leave his young wife, Janaki, behind, Ramanujan finds himself in a land where both his mathematical theories and his cultural values run headlong into the prejudiced realities of a Britain heading into World War One. We will look at RESPECT for people of other cultures.

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