

**Matter of Faith – 2014 Summer Series**

***Defining the Divine***  
***Who God Is and What God Does***

***All sessions will be held in the***  
***Saint John the Evangelist Catholic School***  
***311 Lotz Ave. Lakemont, Altoona PA.***

**Tues., July 8 - 7:00 p.m. The Idea of God**

Rabbi Audrey Korotkin, Rev. Marlys Hershberger and Buddhist Michael Allison will set the stage for this series with a panel discussion focusing on the context of scriptures, culture and personal experience that shape our understanding of who God is and what God does.

**Tues., July 15 - 7:00 p.m. The Nature of God**

Muslim Shamsa Anwar, LDS Bishop James Hite, and United Methodist Pastor Rich Morris will build our understanding of the characteristics of God by sharing from their individual faith traditions.

**Tues., July 22 - 7:00 p.m. God's Engagement in the World**

Fr. Anthony Roeber, Msgr. Michael Becker and Bahai Dr. April Neal will focus on the involvement of God in the world from their individual faith traditions.

**The Panelists**

*Michael Allison - Buddhist*  
*Shamsa Anwar - Muslim*  
*Msgr. Michael Becker – Roman Catholic*  
*Rev. Marlys Hershberger – Church of the Brethren*  
*James Hite – Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints*  
*Rabbi Audrey Korotkin - Jewish*  
*Rev. Rich Morris – United Methodist*  
*Dr. April Neal - Bahai*  
*Fr. Anthony Roeber – Eastern Orthodox*

**Facilitator: Cindy Baney**

**Each session will include  
Round Table Discussion**

In 2010, Baylor Professors Paul Froese and Christopher Bader published the results of their extensive research about religion in a book entitled "America's Four Gods".

They asked more than 3000 Americans two basic questions:  
**Does God interact in the world?**  
**Does God judge the world?**

The results yielded 4 distinct ideas of God: Authoritative, Benevolent, Critical and Distant. This book serves as a "jumping off" point for the discussion for this series.

The Interfaith Committee encourages open, thoughtful and respectful dialogue.

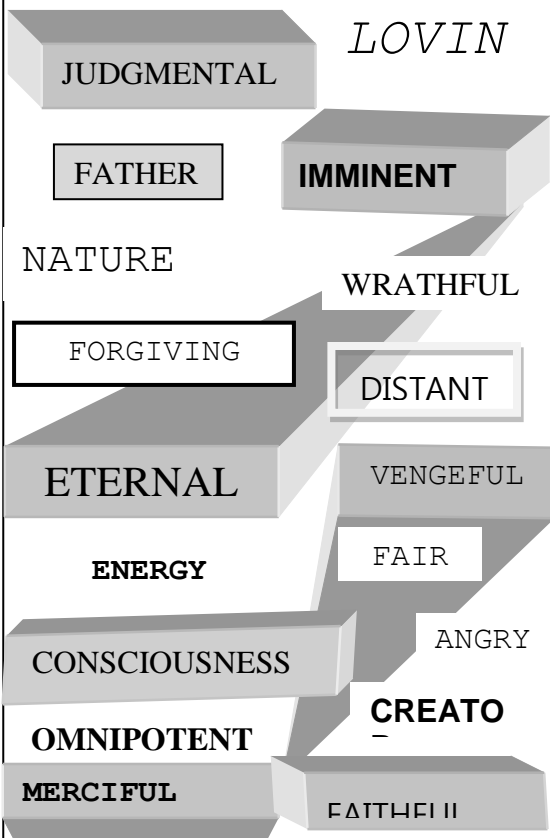
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How do you describe  
**God?**



In this three part series, we will explore the myriad words and ideas that humans have devised to try to understand God.

We use "God" constantly - with reverence, as an oath, to express surprise, disbelief, awe and even to curse. Yet, do we think about what our frequent use of the word "God" says about our own beliefs? What does it tell others?

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Three Tuesday Evenings

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