**Fourth Quarter Adult Spirituality Opportunities:**

**Benedictine Reflection Coffees**

**Stories from the Monastery**

Priory School: Fr. Christopher Room

Friday, May 5th

8:45am – 11am

Storytelling is a longstanding tradition in spiritual communities. As a social and cultural activity, it offers entertainment, education, cultural preservation, and invites individuals to think deeper about their own lives through symbolism. This Benedictine Reflection Coffee is a bit different in that Fr. Martin Mager and Molly Buccola will become storytellers. They will share tales from Desert Fathers and Mothers, St. Benedict’s life, and even some from our very own monastery at Priory. If interested in joining, [RSVP Here](https://goo.gl/forms/YnIoa6i7RGJ8y46n1).

**Thomas Merton: A Monastic Journey**

Priory School: Fr. Christopher Room

Friday, May 19th

8:45am – 11am

Thomas Merton was an influential spiritual writer, poet, social activist, and Catholic monk! He lived by the Rule of Saint Benedict as a Trappist monk in 20th Century Kentucky. He was born in France and lived quite a “rambunctious” life before venturing to Columbia University. Merton placed much importance on interreligious dialogue and engaged with the Dalai Lama, Thich Nhat Hanh and D. T. Suzuki. Merton is no longer alive, but Fr. Martin Mager and Molly Buccola will aim to bring him to life through his stories, teachings, and excerpts. They will serve as food for thought and inspiration for discussion. All are welcome! Join us for this Benedictine Reflection Coffee. If interested in joining, [RSVP here](https://goo.gl/forms/nuD843lrnWJvIkoi1).