

# Good Shepherd RC Church



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**September 21<sup>st</sup>. Dorothy Day: The World Will be Saved by Beauty by Kate Hennessy.**

The life and work of Dorothy Day—the iconic, celebrated, and controversial Catholic whom Pope Francis called a “great American”—told with illuminating detail by her granddaughter

**November -16<sup>th</sup>.The Benedict Option: A Strategy for Christians in a Post-Christian Nation by Rod Dreher.**

From the inside, American churches have been hollowed out by the departure of young people and by an insipid pseudo-Christianity. From the outside, they are beset by challenges to religious liberty in a rapidly secularizing culture. Rod Dreher argues that the way forward is actually the way back—all the way to St. Benedict of Nursia. This sixth-century monk, horrified by the moral chaos following Rome’s fall, retreated to the forest and created a new way of life for Christians.

2018:

**January 18<sup>th</sup>. - My Bright Abyss: Meditation of a Modern Believer Paperback by Christian Wiman.** Eight years ago, Christian Wiman, a well-known poet, wrote a now-famous essay about having faith in the face of death. *My Bright Abyss*, composed in the difficult years since and completed in the wake of a bone marrow transplant, is a moving meditation on what a viable contemporary faith—responsive not only to modern thought and science but also to religious tradition might look like.

**March 15<sup>th</sup>. - Who Am I To Judge?: Responding to Relativism with Logic and Love by Edward Srir**

In an age in which preference has replaced morality, many people find it difficult to speak the truth, afraid of the reactions they will receive if they say something is right or wrong. Using engaging stories and personal experience, Edward Srir helps us understand the classical view of morality and equips us to engage relativism, appealing to both the head and the heart.

**May 17<sup>th</sup>. - The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World by Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu**

His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu have survived more than fifty years of exile and the soul-crushing oppression. Despite their hardship or, as they would say, because of them—they are two of the most joyful people on the planet. They trade intimate stories, teased each other continually, and shared their spiritual practices. By the end of a week filled with laughter and punctuated with tears, these two global heroes had stared into the abyss and despair of our time and revealed how to live a life brimming with joy.

**No meetings: October/ February/ March/ June/ July or August. Book selections and meeting dates are subject to change.**

**All are welcome for one or all books. Meetings are usually held after morning Mass on the third Thursday of the month. For more information contact Mike at 973-729-6063.**