

*Institute
for
Spiritual Development*



"A Church & Holistic Center For Metaphysical Living"

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2021

**15 Sparta Avenue, Sparta, NJ
(973) 551-5300*
www.isdsparta.org**

Services

You are invited to join us each Sunday morning at 10:30 am in a Service of Celebration. The services are centered on God's most precious gifts to us and our greatest gifts to one another

– Love and Understanding.

We invite you to take the opportunity to express and experience a sense of the Infinite Presence within yourself in an atmosphere of love, friendship, understanding, and support.

Limited seating is available at the church.

Wear your mask, sanitize your hands at the front door and have your temperature taken before entering. You can also participate via

live streaming on our FaceBook page.

A link is available on the front page of our website.

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About the Institute

The Institute is a non-profit organization, dedicated to the service of your growing awareness and to fostering an environment in which each individual may be stimulated to pursue his or her own true spiritual unfoldment, uninhibited by dogmatic concerns. To arouse a process of joyous living, creative genius, cooperation, health, prosperity, and universal service is to arouse the spiritual heart of the organization.

Believing that the search for your truth embodies a personal examination of all philosophies and religions, the Institute Experience seeks to provide the focal point for that search and a nurturing environment in which the evolution of your spiritual progression may be realized.

Offering a wide variety of growth experiences, the Institute and its well-trained professional staff provide the fulcrum where each may endeavor to explore and express the Truth as he or she understands it. The on-going and comprehensive series of study and development experiences in esoteric, metaphysical, occult, healing and personal growth are augmented by the spiritual fellowship, guidance and shared experiences which are available.

Needing only an openness to Truth, the seeker is then encouraged to pursue the expansion of awareness of his or her inner self through service, and to unfold in the arms of love the potential for perfection that lies awaiting within.

A Church for Metaphysical Living, the Institute seeks to provide a common ground in which souls passionate to grow may resolve the differences of mind and experience which appear to separate us and grow by sharing, in joy as well as in pain. The Institute is a shelter to nurture the best that is within us, a proving ground of our resolve, a place of peace, and hope, and light, and comfort, of work, of rest, of spiritual growth, of enlightenment.

Thus, with love do we greet you, and with hope do we grow with you . . . not by the efforts of one or a few, but by the energy of all.

*Reverend James E. De Biasio,
Spiritual Advisor*

*Institute For Spiritual Development - Sparta
Director and Spiritual Advisor, Kathy Kerston*



On-Going Events

Healing Circle

Facilitator: Terence Mulligan

Wednesdays at 7:30 - 9:00 P.M. over Zoom.

Find the link on the Homepage of our Website: www.isdsparta.org .

Our healing circle is an island of peace and spiritual recovery in the middle of the week. Each circle starts with a meditation and then distance healings are sent to individuals who are nominated by the people attending the circle. Healings are then sent to individuals attending the session who

request to be healed. You will experience a lessening of stress, fear, pain, loneliness or get a boost of energy or clarification of mind. Friendly discussion follows at the end. A love Donation of **\$5** per class or **\$20** once a month is appreciated.

Psychic Fairs

We will hold Psychic Fairs the last week of every month. Sign up for a reading with your favorite reader, choose your time from those available and make your payment. Sit back in the comfort of your own home and your psychic will call you at the appointed time to give you your reading.

Psychic Fair weeks are:

January 25th to 29th

February 22nd to 26th

March 22nd to 26th

Names of psychics and their appointment times are posted to the Home page approximately 2 weeks before the psychic fair week. Don't wait until the last moment because some of our psychics book up very quickly. We close down the appointments a few days before the week begins in order to process payments and give the psychics their schedules. When you sign up and pay, you will receive a confirmation, and the time slot is automatically no longer available to others.

Members & Non-Members

\$30.00

On-Going Events

A Course in Miracles Discussion Group

Second and Fourth Sundays of Each Month

at 12:00 Noon over zoom.

Link is available on our website

Facilitator: John Smallman

***“Nothing real can be threatened. Nothing unreal exists.
Herein lies the peace of God.”***

A Course in Miracles is a universal thought system that teaches the way to love and inner peace through forgiveness. Throughout the world, there are thousands of study groups dedicated to its philosophy. From 2009 until October of 2018, John Smallman was the anchor person for a Woodstock, NH, Course in Miracles discussion group. We are very fortunate that he is

available to facilitate this ISD Sparta group.

Join John and other likeminded individuals for an uplifting and inspiring journey to peace . . . *“for everything is a lesson that God would have me learn.”*

Fee: **\$10.00** per month.

Ask Spirit Anything Resumes January 5, 2021 Tuesdays at 7:30 to 9:00 P.M. over Zoom.

**Link is available on the
Home page of our website:**

www.isdsparta.org

Facilitator: Rev. Norma Victor

Requested Donation: **\$5.00** per session or **\$20.00** per month

Join us for an entertaining and informative episode of inspired channeling directly from Spirit via Rev. Norma Victor.

Rev Norma is an accomplished trance channel and has been providing wisdom, inspiration and information from the spirit world for over 30 years.

Take this opportunity to ask questions of the spirit guides who will speak through her live and online.



On-Going Events

Psychic Readings with Rev. Lucia Cochran

The last Sunday of every month starting December 27th.

She will offer half hour readings. The cost will be **\$60.00** for members and for non members. 3 readings per month will be available.

The times are: **2:00 pm, 2:45 pm 3:30 pm**

Classes

The Seven Healing Chakras,

a seven week class for the price of six, on

Thursdays, January 14, 21, 28

February 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th.

7:30 to 9:00 P.M.

Facilitator, Rev. Karen Slember

Come on a Journey of awakening and growth. In this class we will work on understanding, developing, healing and balancing our seven major chakras which affect almost every aspect of our lives. This will bring remarkable growth and change. Each evening will bring you beautiful meditations, loving affirmations, exercises using specific crystals as enhancements for healing and growth as well as opportunities for discussion, and sharing. So join us and come to a greater understanding of the beautiful spiritual being that you are!

This course is, in part, based on the work of Brenda Davis, MD. For more in depth self-study, suggested but not required, is her book and accompanying workbook, *The Seven Healing Chakras*.

For more information call

Rev. Karen Slember
at 973-670-7232.

Cost: **\$120** Members **\$180.00**

Angel Tarot Workshop,

Sunday, January 10th, 2:00 to 4:00 pm over zoom

Facilitator: Rev Lucia Cochran

Cost: \$30.00 members Non-members \$40.00

A two hour workshop which will concentrate on Mediumship with the use of Archangel Tarot Cards as a tool to connect to Spirit.

Classes

Introduction to the Rider Waite Tarot Deck

Mondays at 7:30

February 1, 8, 15 and 22 over Zoom

Facilitator: Rev. Anna Marie Ludwig

Cost: **\$80.00** for members Non-members **\$100.00**

Rev. Anna Marie will help you become friends with your Rider Waite Tarot deck. She will take you on an exploration of the Major Arcana, the four suits and each set of numbers. You will also learn how to do a layout in order to give a reading and get tips on using your intu-

ition to impart insightful and accurate information.

Rev Anna Marie has been reading the cards for over twenty-five years and is well known for the accuracy of her forecasts.

Pendulum for Beginners

Mondays at 7:30, March 8, 15, 22, and 20th

via zoom

Facilitator: Rev. Juan Villagran

Cost **\$80.00** for Members **\$100.00** for Non-members

In this class, you will learn to trust your intuition. By using the pendulum as a tool, you will be able to connect to your higher self, and by trusting that connection, your intuition will strengthen. You will also learn how to use the pendulum to receive guidance.

Rev. Juan is an evidential medium and psychic with impressive skills. The pendulum helped him to uncover his latent abilities ten years ago.

Classes

The Way of the Shaman

Thursdays at 7:30 P.M., March 4, 11, 18, and 25

Facilitators: Rev John Drinkard and Rev Ellen Rochedieu

Cost is **\$80.00** for members Non-members **\$100.00**

Shamanism is the oldest spiritual tradition known to humanity. To the Shaman's eyes, the world around us is alive and inspirited. In this experiential workshop, you can learn to see with those eyes, to explore the hidden worlds and to access the timeless wisdom known to our ancestors.

Come discover how Shamans helped their people live in harmony with the universe for thousands of years. You will learn how the Shaman journeys to the Otherworld in search of healing, knowledge and power. You will meet your Power Animal, who will guide you on these journeys. You will experience the Shamanic State of Consciousness and expand your spiritual awareness. You will bring back heal-

ing and restore power where it has been lost. You will discover and study with your own spiritual teachers in non-ordinary reality. You will establish a direct connection to the Spirit World, the center point of a lifelong personal Shamanic practice.

Come join us in Circle as we ride our drums into the Spirit World. Bring a blanket, blindfold, and notebook for the journey. If you have a drum or rattle, bring it along. They are not required.

This class will be held in the Sanctuary of the church. If we are not allowed such gatherings at the time this class is scheduled, it will be postponed until it is permitted.

We are a Metaphysical Church that honors and celebrates each soul. Our community provides an unconditionally loving and healing environment that affirms and encourages all seekers on their spiritual journey.

Fee Schedules and Class/Workshop Policies

Class/Workshop Policies

*Please read through our policies before signing up for a class.
Register early, as class size is limited.

*Payment for classes or workshops must be made in full **AT LEAST ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE** to ensure your spot. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope if paying through mail. You can also pay in the bookstore or over the phone (973-729-5493) using your credit card.

*We reserve the right to cancel any class or workshop when fewer than the designated minimum number of stu-

dents register one week prior to the class date. If you have paid for a class that we cancel, you will receive a **FULL REFUND/CREDIT**. Refunds for class or workshop fees are only made if the class is cancelled by us or if you cancel **NO LESS THAN ONE WEEK** prior to class date. We cannot be held responsible for changes in personal circumstances that prevent your participation.

Fee Schedule

All classes and workshops **MUST** be prepaid.
To pay by credit card call (973) 729-5493

Classes

1 Class Sessions

Members	\$25
Non-Members	\$35

4 Class Sessions

Members	\$80
Non-Members	\$120

6 Class Sessions

Members	\$120
Non-Members	\$180

8 Class Sessions

Members	\$160
Non-Members	\$240

(Note: 8 class sessions fees may be divided into 2 equal payments)

Lectures and Special Events:

Members	\$25
Non-Members	\$35

Regular Psychic Fair Readings:

Members	\$30
Non-Members	\$30

Workshops

1/2 Day In-House Workshops

Members:	\$60
Non-Members	\$90

Full Day In-House Workshops

Members	\$120
Non-Members	\$180

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Spiritual and Religious Needs

The Institute seeks to serve the complete individual, and the whole community, for from this will come the hopes and ideals for a better world. We desire to live together in such affection as will allow us to express our individuality without being threatened by our differences.

The Institute is the center of our life together, weaving the strands of ourselves into a pattern, a design, a meaning, uniting us as companions on the journey, helping us in the pilgrimage to spiritual awareness.

The Institute facilities and Ministerial Staff are available for all of your spiritual and religious needs, including Weddings, Baptisms and Christenings, Funeral and Memorial Services, and Spiritual Counseling and Healing.

Membership

Membership is open to all who aspire to the path of self-realization and wish to share their spiritual progress with the company of supportive and like-minded individuals. Please discuss your interest in becoming a part of our vital spiritual community with a member of the Ministerial Staff. The yearly membership fee is \$30 per individual and \$50 per family

Education

Dedicating itself to the highest standards of achievement, knowledge, and service, the Institute for Spiritual Development recognizes the need for thorough education of its ministers and congregation. All are invited to study within the context of a viable and dynamic education system. To those called to the level of Holy Orders, the Institute offers a vigorous and extensive pursuit for spiritual and intellectual excellence.

The Institute Education Program presents a wide variety of classes, workshops, seminars, and learning experiences to stimulate spiritual growth and personal development.

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with events at ISD?
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