



# *I Believe: the Apostles' Creed and Baptism*

A Mini-Course conducted by  
**The Rev. Christine Visminas**

**Sundays, June 15- July 20, 2008  
11:30 am – 12:45 pm**

## **OVERVIEW:**

Where did the Apostles' Creed come from? How was it formed? What does it mean? We'll look at the role of baptism in the Creed's formation, and the legend surrounding its lost Roman origins. Delving into the controversies surrounding how Jesus was God (or how God was Jesus), we'll explore the historical context of how and why creeds were formed, and specifically the purpose of the Apostles' Creed. Each section of the creed will be examined with specific attention to the class' particular questions.

This will be an exciting, thought-filled course giving much to reflect on and add at least few new viewpoints on how to think about the Creed and Baptism. Taught by the Rev. Chris Visminas, whose call is to present solid material for thoughtful, curious Christian adults.

The book to be used is *Rufinus: A Commentary on the Apostles' Creed*, translated by J. N. D. Kelly. This is an early Christian work that is easy to read and that gives a somewhat different viewpoint than ours on the meaning of the Creed.

**June 15:** Background: Baptism & Belief in the 4th Century

**June 22:** God the Father & the Trinity

**June 29:** More background: What was the problem with Jesus Christ?

**July 6:** (A Sunday off!)

**July 13:** God the Son: God & Human

**July 20:** God the Holy Spirit & Our Life

**Fee:** \$50 for the course or \$12 per session; please make checks to All Saints Parish. Scholarships available. A light lunch will be provided. All are welcome.

To register, please contact Barbara Bembery at 617-738-1810, ext. 101 or [office@allsaintsbrookline.org](mailto:office@allsaintsbrookline.org)

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