

**FRIDAY NIGHT SCRIPTURE RESUMES FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 2018  
340 IRVING STREET, 6:30 TO 8:00 PM**

**We will finish up the Johannine letters this evening (2 John, pages 125-127; and 3 John, pages 128-130), and then commence our study of the Letters of Saint Paul. We will be using Volume 8 of the New Collegeville Bible Commentary, which includes First Thessalonians, Philippians, Second Thessalonians, Colossians, and Ephesians, with commentary by Vincent M. Smiles, Professor of Theology at Saint John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota (see publisher's synopsis below). We will distribute the books at our Friday night sessions; those of you who participate by reading on your own at home may obtain your copy from Paul Riofski (415-517-4647, [sjogmusic@aol.com](mailto:sjogmusic@aol.com)).**

**PUBLISHER'S SYNOPSIS: Prof. Smiles provides a fresh look at the early Church and the faith with which they approached their dynamic, diverse community. With a brief introduction to each letter, he brings to light issues such as authorship, dating, and historical situation. Smiles focuses on similarities and contrasts--such as eschatology, ecclesiology and the status of women--within these diverse, yet unified letters. A reading of these letters as "partners in a conversation" provides both an understanding and inspiration for today's Christian society: inspiration to meet our challenges in faith with the same creativity as did the early Church.**