

**St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute  
Fall 2020**

**Class Day & Time: Monday (6 pm) & Wednesday (TBD)**

**Course Name & Number: BS611 Biblical Hebrew**

**Instructor: Fr. Paul Maillet**

**Course Description**

After learning the Hebrew alphabet and pronunciation, the class proceeds with translating very simple phrases from the Tanakh (the Hebrew Bible or Old Testament). By memorizing vocabulary and inductively learning how the language works through the superb, user-friendly textbook, the class learns how to translate Biblical verses increasing very gradually in length and difficulty. The students will be graded using quizzes on 10-12 new vocabulary words each week (making flash cards is highly recommended), class participation, and a final exam testing translation from Biblical Hebrew to English.

**Required Texts:**

Ruby Strauss with Ahuva Schuller and Lillian W. Adler, *The Hebrew Primer*, (New York: Behrman House, 1984) ISBN 0-87441-392-3

Bonnie Pedrotti, Victoria Hoffer and Rebecca Abts Wright, *Biblical Hebrew: Text and Workbook*, 2nd edition (New Haven: Yale University, 2005) ISBN: 978-0-300-09862-4