

# St. Thomas More Church

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Eucharistic Celebrations  
 Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm  
 Sunday: 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 am  
 Weekdays:  
 Monday-Friday: 6:45 and 9:00 am  
 Saturday: 9:00 am  
 Holyday Vigil: 7:30 pm  
 Holyday: 6:45 & 9:00 am & 7:30 pm



Rite of Reconciliation  
 Saturdays: 3:30-4:00 pm  
 or any time by appointment

Reverend Phillip M. Johnson, Priest-in-charge  
 Reverend Daniel Joyce, S.J., Weekend Assistant  
 Sister Ann Byrnes, RSM, Pastoral Associate for Life Long Faith Formation  
 Deacon John Harrington  
 Pat Maggart, Parish Catechetical Leader  
 Roger Pisani, Pastoral Associate for Music & Liturgy  
 Pat Cannon, Parish Secretary • Norma Matos, Parish Secretary  
 Sheila Tartamosa, Pastoral Associate for Parish Administration

## DIRECTORY

### Pastoral Leadership

Parish Trustees	Gary Gadren	424-3212
	Pat Lachnicht	424-3212

### Christian Life/Education

Bereavement	Sheila Mohan	795-6137
Hospital Visitors	Staff & Euch. Ministers	424-3212
Intercessory Prayer	Ann Vigrass	428-7217
Knights of Columbus	Dick Spence	428-8325
Marriage Formation	Bob/Liz Scarpa	795-1160
Parish Rel. Ed. Prog.	Pat Maggart	429-6948
Pastoral Counselor	Claire Spence	428-8325
Prayer Shawls	Sheila Mohan	795-6137
Respect Life	Al Mac Elrath	779-7130
Rite of Ch. Init. Adults	Deacon John Harrington	424-3212
	Sister Ann Byrnes	424-3212

Rosary Ministry	Marian/Chuck Kapischke	424-2053
Small Christian Comm.	Ann Marie/Bob Lento	424-4759
Spiritual Direction	Deacon John Harrington	424-3212
Spiritual Retreats	John Galati	428-7073
	Denise Radziwill	424-0494
St. Vincent de Paul	Frank Nicoletti	424-3212
Stewardship	Sheila Tartamosa	424-3212
Youth Ministry	Stan Thompson	424-1120

### Worship

Altar Servers	Deacon John Harrington	424-3212
Church Environment	Ann Vigrass	428-7217
	Antonina Nicdao	751-6320
Ch. Art Environment	Joyce DeMichele	424-4008
Eucharistic Ministers	Dolores Kreal	988-0271
Lectors	Pat Lachnicht	424-5636
Linen Committee	Ann Vigrass	428-7217
Sacristans	Dom Sacca	
	Tom Petrilli	751-1367
	Greta Tyrrell	428-2412
	Frank Krenslak	309-1999
Ushers	Roger Pisani, Director	609-488-0020
Music Ministry	Dolores Kreal	988-0271
	Len Kolojejchick	346-4078
	June Garafano, Youth Singers	229-7461

### Social Development

Bridge Groups	Joyce DeMichele	424-4008
	Barbara Cerquitella	795-7323
	Al Shaffer	609-417-6770
	June Garafano	229-7461
	Bob Lento	344-7454
	Committee	424-3212
	Eileen Withers	751-6838

### Administration

House of Charity	Sheila Tartamosa	424-3212
Parish Finance Council	Robert Crawford	424-3212
Parish Pastoral Council	Marie Enny	751-8893

**PARISH MISSION & VISION STATEMENTS**

**Mission (Purpose)**

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we the Catholic Community of St. Thomas More respond to our call to holiness.

**Vision (Goals)**

Empowered by Baptism, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and formed by the Word of God and the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, we live out our Mission by working together:

- To structure prayerful, vibrant, participatory, Sunday worship experiences.
- To provide Life Long Faith formation for all age levels.
- To care for the young, the old, the sick, the hurting and the needy, both inside and outside our parish.
- To promote faith sharing, prayer, support, learning and listening to one another as a model for nourishing and sustaining our faith community.
- To welcome back, with hospitality, those who have left our faith community.

**VISITATION AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Please call the parish office, 424-3212, if a family member is seriously ill or facing/recovering from surgery and would like to see a priest or receive the Anointing of the Sick. Holy Communion is also available to those who are homebound on an ongoing basis.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Please make arrangements for Baptism in advance through the parish office. Parents and godparents are required to attend a preparatory session.

**MARRIAGE**

Couples planning to marry will attend a marriage preparation program called Living in Love. Call office for appointment.

**RCIA**

*The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* is a process of formation for full initiation into the Catholic Church. It is open to those never Baptized; those baptized in another faith; and Catholics who have not received First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

For more information, please contact Sister Ann Byrnes, RSM, Pastoral Associate, 424-3212 ext. 104 or Deacon John Harrington, Moderator, at 424-3212 ext. 103.

RCIA Team: John Mohan and Irene Rellosa

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Children's Liturgy of the Word – Sunday, during 10 a.m. Mass  
 Grades one thru four: Tuesday, 4:15 - 5:30 p.m.  
 Grades five thru eight: Tuesday, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP**

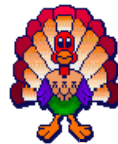
New members are welcome in our community of faith. Please call, 424-3212, or come to the parish office to register.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE**

Please submit hardcopy and/or e-mail by 4 p.m. Monday.

**CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL**

John Paul II Regional School - (856) 783-3088  
 Principal: Mrs. Helen Persing



**FROZEN TURKEYS** - The St. Thomas More *St. Vincent de Paul Society* will distribute turkeys to less fortunate families before Thanksgiving. Please drop off at church by Nov. 15 so that the turkeys can be delivered and have adequate time to defrost before Thanksgiving. Gary Gadren, Coordinator

**Saint Thomas More Parish  
2012 Fundraiser**

You Could Be the Lucky Winner while helping our Parish meet our necessary and essential financial obligations.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$10,000.00
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$ 3,000.00
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$ 2,000.00

(If all tickets are sold)



**MANY CONSOLATION PRIZES**

Including a Week's Stay (Deeve Soor Mare) in Normandy Beach, France—photos & info at [www.ournormandyhouse.com](http://www.ournormandyhouse.com) (Must be present to win this prize only.)

**Ticket Price: \$100.00 - Drawing: December 7<sup>th</sup>**  
*Refreshments will be served.*

Raffle Committee: AJ & Carol Ariani, Tom & Arleen Pajic, Henry & Kathy Glover, Mike & Helen Hawksley, Jerry & Jeannine McMenamin, Myra Nicoletti, Tina Petrone, Dick & Claire Spence, Joe & Chris Torello

*Women's Club News*

**Board Meeting: Wed., Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m.**

*Eileen Withers, President - 751-6838*

**PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

The second class for Confirmation II candidates will be held next Sunday, November 18, at 11 a.m. in the St. Thomas More Parish Hall. All eighth grade students are expected to attend the 10 a.m. Mass prior to class.

*Pat Maggart, PCL, 424-3212 - ext. 106*



Are you a trumpet player? Trumpet players are needed for the various Christmas Vigil and Day liturgies. Minimal rehearsal time - all Christmas Masses are available. Contact Roger Pisani at 424-3212 ext. 108 or email [ilftrek@aol.com](mailto:ilftrek@aol.com). **Pg. 2 - 632**

# The Catholic Faith in Slow Motion (no. 1)

Fr. Phillip Johnson

*In celebration of the Year of Faith, proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI,  
the first in a series of reflections about thinking, praying, and professing the Faith of the Church*

As we work our way leisurely through the Creed of the Church, we will not always take the phrases in order; we'll jump around, partly depending on the Church's liturgical calendar, partly on my own sense of the momentary pastoral need. However, in this first entry, we start with the opening verb of the Creed.

**I believe.** The brief sentence contains two large words. Who or what is this “I”? Why am *I* me and not somebody else? Why do *I* exist in the first place? What should *I* be doing with myself? Will there be any *I* after *I* die? Am *I* who *I* think *I* am? Am *I* what others think *I* am? You ask these kinds of questions (but usually in a confused way, and hardly ever out loud, and usually only in times of crisis) because you are not a bug or a dog or a donkey. Beasts simply are what they are and don't worry about it. *Human* creatures ask such questions; it has something to do with being made in the image of God.

**I believe.** In Latin that sentence is made up of a single word: *Credo*. That is a useful reminder that you can't really talk about the meaning of the “I” without also talking about the content of the “believe”. We human creatures are, in a sense, what we believe. “Believe” refers to an action that comes from the deep part of you (heart, mind, soul, will) and makes you who you are. To the big question, *Who are you?* the Christian answers “I believe”.

**I believe.** In the Christian sense, it does not mean *I think* or *this is my opinion*, or *this is my chosen religion* (but, of course, you have yours). Rather, *I believe* means *I surrender to, I stand upon, I stake my future in, I risk for, and if it comes to it I will die before denying it*.

**I believe.** The words are spoken as a response, as an answer. God, in the gathering of the Church, asks it as a personal question: “Do you believe in...?” The question is asked at baptism. But it is also asked every day of your life in every joy and every challenge and every crisis. It is asked of those who have heard a story, a promise, a command to believe the promise. “Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of Christ.” (Romans 10:17). Faith comes by hearing the Word of God, because the Word of God is the sort of word that always puts our spirits in a crisis. Having heard, you have to answer one thing or the other. Christ is always waiting for an answer.

**I believe.** Jesus once asked the question, and the man answered, “I believe. Help my unbelief!” (Mark 9:24). Indeed, “I believe” is a prayer, begging the Holy Spirit to grant me the faith I need. And faith is ever dependent on an act of Grace. For many of us, our faith lives always in the face of the challenge of doubt. To speak the Creed is to beg for faith.

**I believe.** The words are worship and wonder, to be sung as well as spoken. Because *Credo* speaks about heights and depths that make our souls quake in awe: love and death, judgment and forgiveness, body and spirit, past and future, earth, hell, heaven, time – and the Source and Destiny of it all. As we say the Creed, we add knowledge to faith. But faith never simply becomes knowledge. The Creed never becomes an explanation; it is always confession.

**I believe.** The words are *profession*. That is, they are spoken to others, as a declaration of loyalty and identity, sometimes as a challenge. And they are spoken *with* others as a community-creating act. Even if you say the Creed alone, late at night lying in your bed in the darkness, you are speaking in chorus with the Church on earth and all the company of heaven: *I believe . . .*

## *Alive for Life and Ministry*

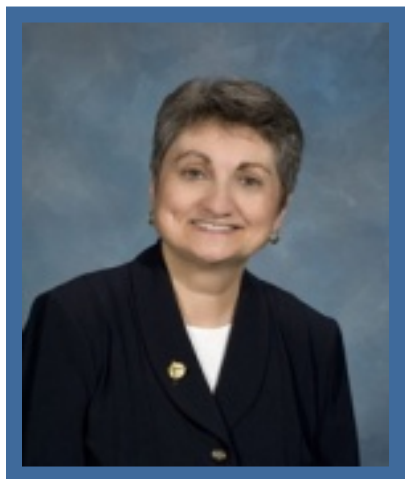
Retreat Experience for All Parish Leaders and Ministers

**Saturday November 17, 2012**

**9:00 AM—12 Noon**

**Saint Thomas More Chapel**

The biggest danger in ministry is not that we will burn out, but that we will not tend to what fuels all that we do—the fire of God’s love. Our ever-evolving experience of God is the very foundation of life and ministry. This reflective morning invites those entrusted with parish ministry to ponder anew the God who desires us more than we desire God.



**Presenter:**

***Sister Dolores Clerico, SSJ***

*Sister Dolores Clerico, a Sister of Saint Joseph, currently serves as coordinator of lifelong faith formation at the Catholic Community of Christ Our Light in Cherry Hill. In addition, Dolores provides retreats and workshops among Sisters of Saint Joseph and their ministry partners across the United States.*

**Call**

**the**

**Parish Office by Nov. 15 (424-3212) to register!**

### **Texts of Hope and Expectation**

**with Fr. Johnson**

*(simple, basic, discussions of the Advent Scripture Readings)*

“Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ” (Second Vatican Council, quoting St. Jerome). Of course, no Catholic who regularly attends Mass is entirely ignorant of the Holy Scriptures. However many wish for a deeper understanding of the Faith through the Scriptures. You have questions. You would like to know “where to start” in learning more. You also have insights to share. And you know more than you think you know.

This Advent Season, please join Fr. Johnson in listening more closely to the Word of God as it comes to us through the Scriptures.

**When?** Saturdays, immediately following the 4:30 Mass, starting December 2 and continuing through December 23.

**Where?** St. Thomas More Hall

**What Scripture texts will we discuss?** The passages read at the Sunday Masses through the Advent Season.

**Who?** High School age and older.

If you cannot attend all four sessions, join us for those you can. Each session we will start afresh. It's an opportunity to offer your heart and mind to God this coming Advent season.



**MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR THE WEEK**



**SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 10**

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
4:30 pm Nellie Graham r/b Don & Dolores Kreal

**SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 11**

8:30 am Robert Middleton r/b St. Thomas More  
Women's Bridge Group  
10:00 am JoAnn Gadren r/b Tom & Fran LaCasse  
Gregg Siano r/b Gary Gadren  
Joan Radula r/b Dave & Lin Lyon  
11:30 am Joe Turiano r/b Kay & Family

**MONDAY - NOVEMBER 12**

6:45 am Bob Kimbly r/b the McGeady Family  
9:00 am Deceased Members of the Ibay & Dizon  
Families r/b Ibay Family

**TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 13**

6:45 am All Souls  
9:00 am Eileen Hunter r/b Grace Cobin

**WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 14**

6:45 am People of the Parish  
9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of Moore  
Family r/b Sheila Moore

**THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 15**

6:45 am James Casto r/b Dom Sacca  
9:00 am All Souls  
Marion White r/b Ken & Kim  
Special Intention of Monsignor Morgan  
r/b SCC Wednesday Group

**FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 16**

6:45 am People of the Parish  
9:00 am Special Intention of Jose Ibay r/b His  
Family

**SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 17**

9:00 am Jim Bones r/b Teri & Family  
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
4:30 pm George Erickson r/b Ken & Kim

**SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 18**

8:30 am Deceased Members of St. Thomas More  
Parish r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society  
10:00 am Margaret Andry r/b Orichowskyj Family  
Joan Radula r/b Chick & Ellie Perrotto  
Earl Cargen r/b McCormick Family  
11:30 am Hank Seppanen r/b Don & Dolores Kreal

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**THE SICK...**

Don Kreal	Bob & Claire Boylan
Maria Storms	Andrea Buonincontro
Owen Smith	Naomi Willingmyre
Mary Flacco	George Sweeten
Ron Massey	Frank Cappetta
Olga Mignone	Michael Kapischke
Frank Colbert	Betty O'Donnell
Mary Cowan	Marie Mazzagatti
Shirley Birch	Stanley Kochanek
Jean Colbert	Pauline Rosberg
Dorothy Brink	Joseph Console
Pat Barton	Geralyn Coticone
Leila Lore	Jerry McMenamin
Chase Lupica	Chuck Kapischke
Pat Beaney	Pasquale DiFronzo
YunYun Shen	Dorothy Wolenter
Virginia Foley	Al Mac Elrath
Fran Swider	Teddy Shaffer
Rose Hession	Virginia Gormley
Sara Centonze	Angelo DiGiacomo
Paul Charette	Wayne Mauri, Sr.



Danny Perla  
Joanne James  
Alfred DiFrank  
Gloria Daniels  
Denise Daniels  
Chris Kolodzey  
Marie DiFrank  
Ethan Killeen  
Carlos Santiago  
Betty Brennan  
Sharon Bushelli  
Michael Suralik  
Bill O'Donnell  
Mary Branciforte  
Bill Botensten  
Ed Rivero

**THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...**



Lt. Col. Allison Agar, Lance Corporal Sean Bilson, Lt. Cdr. Richard P. Byrnes, Jr., Pvt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Mario Centofanti, Lt. Anthony R. Cosentino, Capt. Anthony T. DeMarco, Sr. Airman John P. DeYoung, Lt. Nicholas G. Iannuzzi, PFC Sonny Morrison, Major Ryan Orfe, Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa, SSgt Arturo Rivero, Jr., Lt. Col. Karl Rohr, SPC Giselle M. Torres and Cpl. Michael Willingmyre.

**YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sr. - High School students Jr. - 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades

**Upcoming Events:**

- **Roller Skating Party** at International Sports, Skating & Sports Centre, Kresson Rd., Cherry Hill. Date & Details to be announced.
- **Thanksgiving Prayer Service for Youth** during Tuesday evening Religious Ed. classes (11/20/12—7 p.m.) Please bring a non-perishable food item that will be given to our St. Vincent de Paul Society to be distributed to the needy in our area. High School students are welcome to attend. *Stan Thompson, YG Coordinator-424-1120*

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 7 p.m.**

**ATTENTION** Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors and Altar Servers: the Ministry Schedule can be found on the St. Thomas More Web site: <http://stthomasmorenj.org/> - click on Liturgy Ministry Schedule.

**Be Patient with Our Ushers** - The Ushers have been asked to refrain from seating latecomers *during* the Reading of the Scriptures. Please be patient with them, this helps us avoid distracting others.

### Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

Please note that we put the following week's Gospel passage in this space so you can prepare all week for proclamation of the Gospel the following Sunday. Faith Sharing helps ordinary people connect their faith with everyday life experiences.

#### Excerpt from the Gospel for the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 18, 2012 – Mark 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky. Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates...Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

#### Commentary:

With so many natural disasters, wars, and injustices against human beings before us, and many other things that we see each day in the news, perhaps we start to question: Are these not the signs Jesus speaks of in Scripture? All of these sorrows remind us that under God's reign, things would be very different. The second coming of Jesus is our greatest hope. We do not know when this will be. However, in each moment of our lives, God is present. The invitation is to be alert and discover the symbols, the signs, that indicate God's daily and continuous presence in our lives.

#### Questions for Reflection and Sharing:

1. What is God saying to me in this Gospel passage?
2. What word or phrase in this Gospel speaks to me?
3. What word or phrase in the Reflection resonates with me?

### 'FUNSTER NEWS'



All those going to **To-masello Winery** on Dec. 9 please call Bob by Nov. 21 with your entree choice: Broiled Salmon all-grain w/mustard sauce or Grilled Sirloin w/

**MARKET DAY PIE SALE: Mon., November 12**  
**Pick up your pie order in the Hall, 3-4 p.m.**  
**THANK YOU!** Marianne Wilkins, 428-4924

**PAUL VI HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**  
**Thursday, November 15, 6:30-9 pm**

**SECOND COLLECTION: CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT** — Fight poverty in America. Defend human dignity. **Give to the CCHD Collection next weekend.**

#### **St. Thomas More St. Vincent de Paul Society:**

**In today's Gospel Jesus tells us: "I want you to observe that this poor widow contributed more than all the others who donated to the treasury. They gave from their surplus wealth, but she gave from her want, all that she had to live on."**

**Ask yourself "Am I only giving from my surplus wealth?" and then put your gift in the Society's collection of food and funds to purchase food, next weekend after all Masses, so those who are suffering will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving.**

*Frank Nicoletti, President*

#### **Privacy & Safety Around the Rectory: A Note From our Parish Trustees**

You may have noticed the new "private driveway" signs posted at the entrance to the rectory driveway. This is one of several privacy and safety measures we have taken now that the Rectory serves as a family home, complete with visiting grandchildren, frequent guests, and one very active dog. In fact, most parishioners avoid using this entrance that runs so close by the rectory, understanding that it was never meant to be a public entrance, and certainly not a shortcut connecting road to the adjacent diocesan properties. However, as it has been left unmarked for years, it is only natural that others have felt free to use it as an alternative route. Please observe the signs and remind others to use the main entrance to our church property. By the way, Fr. Johnson and Janet insist that the driveway remain open to the small band of regular walkers they wave to most mornings and evenings.

*Gary Gadren and Pat Lachnicht*