

As part of the Archdiocesan  
New Energies Initiative,  
the four cluster parishes  
have collaborated to  
develop an adult  
education and formation  
forum



- ❖ Deepen our understanding of God's profound, personal love for each of us.
- ❖ Embrace our faith through education, open inquiry and encouragement.
- ❖ Nurture an ever-growing awareness of God's Word and how it can impact our lives.
- ❖ Enjoy an experience that warms our hearts as we continue on our journey of faith.

Three Topics will be presented:

- ✦ Prayer and Spirituality
- ✦ Understanding Sacred Scripture
- ✦ Faith In Practice

The three topics will be offered concurrently. Each week you choose which one you would like to attend.

Sessions will "stand alone," i.e., attendance at prior sessions is not necessary to benefit from participation at a later session.

Pre-registration is requested so that logistics can be planned accordingly.

Please use the registration form and return it to your parish office or to the baskets at the doors of your Church.

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(All sessions qualify for catechist certification)

To defray program costs, an offering of \$5.00 per session (\$15.00 for all four) is requested.  
Checks payable to: St. Thomas More

# Faith Quest 2020

An Adult Spirituality Forum



Wednesday Evenings  
March 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> &  
April 1<sup>st</sup>

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Hosted at

St. Thomas More Church  
12 Hollywood Avenue  
Fairfield



Sponsored by the Parishes of:

St. Aloysius, Notre Dame,  
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament  
and St. Thomas More

Schedule changes due to inclement weather –  
Please check [stmchurch.net](http://stmchurch.net)

## Prayer and Spirituality



- ❖ **March 11: An Approach to Lent Through Ignatian Spirituality**
- ❖ **Rev. Andrew Downing, S.J.:** Jesuit priest at Saint Peter's University and St. Aedan's Parish in Jersey City. At this session, we will look at how the dynamic of the Spiritual Exercises might be used.
- ❖ **March 18: Help Me Hear Your Path for Me, Oh Lord!**
- ❖ **Ginger Grancagnolo, Ed.D., OPA:** Lecturer, author and private counselor. We will explore the inner pathways to the heart of God's love and truth that always awaits us deep within our hearts.
- ❖ **March 25: *Nunc Coepi* (Now I Begin) Discovering Again New Life in Christ After the Scandal**
- ❖ **Msgr. Joseph R. Reilly:** Rector-Immaculate Conception Seminary, Dean of the School of Theology and member of the Board of Trustees for Seton Hall University. The talk will focus on the foundation of passion, the staying power of perseverance and the living conviction of courage.
- ❖ **April 1: Penance: The Scary Sacrament!**
- ❖ **Rev. Thomas A. Dente:** Pastor of Notre Dame, North Caldwell and Director of the Worship Office for the Archdiocese of Newark. Explore the history, theology and pastoral dimensions of the Sacrament of Penance – you may discover it's not so scary after all...

## Understanding Sacred Scripture



- ❖ **March 11: The Beatitudes: What Do They Really Mean?**
- ❖ **Ginger Grancagnolo, Ed.D., OPA:** Lecturer, author and private counselor. These ideas and more will be discussed so that we can finally understand what is the real Christian mission these days.
- ❖ **March 18: Parables of the Kingdom**
- ❖ **Rev. Christopher M. Ciccarino:** Associate Dean for the Seminary and Academic Studies at Immaculate Conception Seminary. Jesus used parables to teach and challenge His hearers. We will examine three accounts to understand how Jesus wanted to re-define the Kingdom of God.
- ❖ **March 25: What You Never Learned About the Ten Commandments**
- ❖ **Rev. James Manos:** Pastor, St. Luke's, Ho-Ho-Kus and former pastor of St. Thomas More, Fairfield. The Ten Commandments are an entire plan of life that draws us closer to God, which will bring us enduring peace with others and ourselves.
- ❖ **April 1: Saint Paul and His Missionary Journeys**
- ❖ **Rev. John Gabriel:** Pastor of St. Paul's, Ramsey and a prior pastor of St. Thomas More. From Damascus to Rome, from the Acts of the Apostles to the Epistles: The Life of St. Paul in Sacred Scripture.

## Faith in Practice



- ❖ **March 11: Becoming an Everyday Contemplative**
- ❖ **Judith Valente:** Author, retreat guide and graduate of Saint Peter's University. Through individual reflection and discussion in small groups, we will each leave with a new vision for our lives as "everyday contemplatives."
- ❖ **March 18: Women of All Ages Striving for the Perfect Work/Life Balance**
- ❖ **Christine Boyle:** Director of Campus Ministry at Saint Peter's University. Using gospel examples of Mary and Martha, this discussion will help women in each life stage to reframe their daily approaches to experience self-success in their lives.
- ❖ **March 25: The Wilderness Will Lead You**
- ❖ **Kathy Detlet:** Co-Director, Caldwell Dominican Lumen Center, Motherhouse, Caldwell. We will identify what our wilderness might be and hear suggestions for how to continue growing into our authentic selves, our journey with God and in our relationship with others.
- ❖ **April 1: Catholic Social Teachings: The Word & Worship Connection**
- ❖ **Anita Foley:** Pastoral Associate, Notre Dame, North Caldwell and adjunct professor in the Religious Studies Department, Seton Hall University. The seven Catholic Social Teachings will be presented within the framework of discipleship, word and worship.