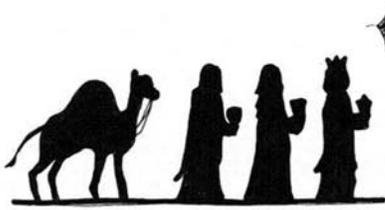


January 6, 2019 Epiphany

Welcome Child of God!

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church,
No matter your personal history, age, income, background, gender, race, ethnicity or spirituality, or marital situation,
No matter your own self-image of holiness or virtue,
You belong to Jesus Christ and you belong to us!
You are invited, accepted and respected here at the Parish of Saint Thomas More.

Take our hands, Lord Jesus, leading us in courage to confront with courage the forces which oppress and divide.
Take our hearts, Lord Jesus, and open them to the truth which will set others free.
Accompany us on our way, Lord Jesus, as we seek to share our Roman Catholic faith and life in your Spirit.



The Epiphany of the Lord

The Feast of **Epiphany** commemorates the beautiful episode of the mysterious visitors from the East presenting the infant Jesus exotic gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

The Christmas Season

sings of today's feast: "We Three Kings of Orient Are." We don't know if there were three of them; the number is concluded from the number of gifts offered. The Scripture doesn't tell us they were kings, but describes them as "Magi," and it is difficult to say with certainty their places of origin.

The point of this story of the mysterious travelers shows that **God is there for everyone; God is among those who differ from us**, undermining any barriers or boundaries we might want to put up.

Mary, the light of God's love, guide us to follow pathways of peaceful discovery and journey well beyond the boundaries of our expectations.

Blessed Epiphany,
Fr. Andrew



There will be no
Prayer Shawl
meeting in January

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

Average Weekly Regular Offertory Amount Needed to Meet Our Annual Budget = \$5,050

Offertories for Dec 23, Christmas, Dec 30 and Jan 1 and Jan 6 will be in the Jan 13 bulletin.

"Give and it shall be given to you." - Luke 6:38

Thank you for your generous contributions.

CHURCH OF SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish & University Ministry
PO Box 620, Durham, NH 03824; 868-2666

The office open Mon, Thurs 9am - 3pm; Wed 9am - 1pm

Communion Services this week: Mon and Tues

No Mass or service Wed, Thurs or Fri

5pm Sunday Student Masses resume Jan 27, 2019

Food Pantry: Thursdays 4pm-6pm

Jan 13: The Baptism of the Lord

Reading I: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Reading II: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



For January 5th - 6th

Saturday, 5pm - Bob Field

Sunday, 9am - Roberta McCaffery

Sunday, 11:15am - Deceased parishioners and benefactors

For January 12th - 13th

Saturday, 5pm - William Christian Erickson

Sunday, 9am - Bob Field

Sunday, 11:15am - Val Clifford



**MANY THANK YOU
AND MANY BLESSINGS!!**

Rejoice! Rejoice!



Our Church is filled with beautiful music!
Our worship space transformed from a time of waiting to the great celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ!
Planning; Preparation; Rehearsal;
Creating a Vision; Moving items from space to space;
Taking down the old; Putting up the New!
All by volunteers in our music and liturgical environment ministries and staff who love God and love our community.
We are grateful! Thank you!

Faith Formation



Upcoming classes:

- Jan 6, Jan 13 and Jan 27



Middle School Faith Formation

Next sessions are **January 7, January 28 and February 4 from 6-7:30pm.**

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Life Teen:	Sun, Jan 6	6-8:30 pm (snacks)
Confirmation Information meeting:	Thurs, Jan 10	7:30 pm, Church Hall
DTS:	Sun, Jan 27	6-8:30 pm (meal)



STM Card Ministry

Thank you for your generous support of our Card Ministry.

At this point, we have more than enough cards to send. Please let us know of someone you know who would be lifted

up by a greeting of prayers for hope, healing, consolation, birthday, etc. from our parish community.

Contact Roberta at stmpastoralmin@comcast.net.

NEW YEAR ~ NEW BEGINNINGS

Have you ever thought about being more involved in the parish? Just moved to the area and looking for a way to meet other parishioners? Have some extra time to do for others? There are several ways you can help!

Do you enjoy visiting with elderly people? We have several care facilities and seniors in the area who are home-bound ~ who would love to have a visit and/or receive communion weekly.

We cover Dover Rehab; Harmony Homes, Harmony by the Bay; Carriage Hill; Riverside, and Brookdale Sprucewood (Brookdale is also seeking someone to lead the Rosary with residents once a week).

Do you like to deep clean, polish, repair, and renew finishes, remove wax from pews/candlesticks, tighten screws and bolts on wobbly furniture?

Want to join a UNH student supper team; help coordinate a Bible Study or adult formation program? So much more!

Contact Roberta MacBride to get the conversation started. stmpastoralmin@comcast.net.

The Epiphany of the Lord: OPEN INVITATIONS

Come and See! Sunday, January 6, in the gym ~ Conversation, Coffee and donuts following the 9am Mass.

Fun activity centers for all ages await us - make Epiphany crafts, explore reflections and conversations with other parishioners about the Christmas Story; Let's grow in faith together. How does the birth of the Jesus, the Light of the World, bring light and hope into our own darkness, fears, & worries? Come and See! Questions or want to help contact Alicia Paley aliciapaley@gmail.com.

200 Club

Will you be a winner?

The 200 Club drawing is this Sunday at Coffee and Donuts after the 9am Mass.



If you are a charter member of the 200 Club who signed up in February of 2018, your subscription will run out in January of 2019. If you wish to continue supporting the parish through the 200 Club, avoid the last minute rush by renewing your subscription now.

Your renewal will commence at the end of your current subscription.

The support of the 200 Club has significantly benefitted the parish and is most appreciated.

Membership/renewal envelopes are available in the pamphlet rack at the main entrance to the church, and on the table at the side entrance.

Information is available on-line at stmdurham.org, or on the Church Facebook page at www.facebook.com/stmdurham

or

Contact Tom Dolan at 603-659-7162 or tomdolan84@hotmail.com

Imported Carved Wood infestations in NH

From the NH Dept of Agriculture

Is your imported wood craft or other finished wood product infested?

What to do??

See "Infestations" document on the website or call the office for more information.

CARING & SHARING



For this week the Pantry needs are:

cranberry sauce, applesauce, meal helpers, baked beans, soap, shampoo, toothpaste.

Thank you!!