

January 12, 2020  
*The Baptism of the Lord*

**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.*

*Feast of the  
Baptism  
of the Lord*



The transition from the Christmas Season to Ordinary Time begins each year with the appropriate Gospel account of the Baptism of the Lord. All three synoptic traditions and John's Gospel attest to this event.

The Baptism of the Lord is placed here because it has the form of an Epiphany — a manifestation of who Jesus is by, in today's account from the Gospel of Matthew, a voice from heaven.

*"This is my Son the beloved,  
My favor rests upon him."*

Baptism is the sacrament by which one becomes a beloved child of God. So the voice from heaven can be applied also to each of us at our Baptism.

Baptism is also the origin and grounding for Christian mission and ministry. Entering a church, reaching into the holy water font, we make the sign of the cross as a reminder of our Baptism.

Do you remember the date of your Baptism? Celebrate it dear Child of God!

L'Shalom - in peace,  
*Fr. Andrew*

**CHURCH OF SAINT THOMAS MORE**

*A Community of Parish & University Ministry  
PO Box 620, Durham, NH 03824; 868-2666; stmdurham@comast.net*

**OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK & NEXT:**

Mon, Tues, Thurs: 9am - 3pm; Weds, 9am - 1pm

Weekday Services:

Communion Services: Monday & Tuesday at 12:10pm.

Food Pantry: Thurs 4-6pm

**January 19: Second Sunday in O.T.**

Reading I: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34



**For January 11th – January 12th**

Saturday, 5pm – † Kathy DeIorio

Sunday, 9am – † Gloria Hedberg (1st Anniv)

Sunday, 11:15am – † John Rochford

**For January 18th – January 19th**

Saturday, 5pm – † Jessie Camolli (1st Anniv)

Sunday, 9am – † Anne Knowles (1st Anniv)

Sunday, 11:15am – † Robert (Skip) Feegel (1st Anniv)

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:**

**Average Weekly Regular Offertory Amount Needed  
to Meet Our Annual Budget = \$5,234**

**Offertory for Dec 29: \$ 4374**

**Mary, the Mother of God: See next weekend's bulletin**

**Offertory for Jan 5: See next weekend's bulletin**

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

**Thank you for your generous contributions.**

## LIFE LONG FAITH FORMATION

On behalf of the Faith Formation Team & Catechists, we would like to wish all of our students and their families a Blessed & Happy New Year.

No Faith Formation classes until February



Office **closed**...

**Monday, January 20**  
for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

(**No** Mass or Communion Service)



### Middle School Faith Formation

The next session is **Feb 10** (no January classes) from **6-7:30pm**.



### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults RCIA Journey to the Easter Sacraments

Please pray for Catechumens Alex & Derek, and Candidates Kyle, Walter, Gil, Gustavo, Danielle, Lucas & Pat, ritually accepted into our STM Community as they continue their formation in preparation for the Easter Sacraments.

If you are interested in joining the Catholic church, **BEGIN THE CONVERSATION** with Roberta MacBride [stmpastoralmin@comcast.net](mailto:stmpastoralmin@comcast.net) ~ 603-868-2666 x115

### High School Youth Ministry



Life Teen: Sunday, Feb 2; 6-8pm (snacks)

### **Walking with Purpose: Women's Bible Study** **Lesson 9: What Are the Limits of Christ's Forgiveness?**



Please join us for Walking with Purpose as we look at the depth of Christ's forgiveness, and what holds us back from fully embracing it. No experience necessary, come as you are and join in anytime!

**January 16, 2020; 10:30am;**  
**STM Student Center Library**

*"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)*

Walking with Purpose is held weekly Oct - May. For more info: Michelle Dunbar at [STMDurhamWWP@gmail.com](mailto:STMDurhamWWP@gmail.com) or 498-2778.

### **Three "collections" on Jan. 18...**

- Regular **first collection** for STM;



- **Second collection** is for the Diocesan Seminarian Fund. This is a Diocese assessed collection in the amount of \$1,669 (the amount STM must send to the diocese, regardless of the collection amount); and



- The third organization is "**Food for the Poor.**" Fr. Falkenthal will be speaking.

**Envelopes are in the pews,**



which **MUST** go into the collection basket. It can go in either the **first or second collection**, but must be **in the provided envelope!**

In any case, if your donation is clearly marked where you would like it to go, it will get there.

**Thank you!**

## 200 CLUB WINNERS

The New Year rang in December's lucky winners:



Lindsey Murphy  
Gina Lewis  
Ron Marnicio

*Congratulations to All!*

Membership/Renewal envelopes for the 1 year, 6 month, or the newest 3 month memberships are available in the pamphlet rack on the right-hand aisle at the main entrance to the Church, and on the table at the side entrance.

Additional information may also be found online at [stmdurham.org](http://stmdurham.org) or on the church Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/stmdurham](http://www.facebook.com/stmdurham)

or

contact Tom Dolan at 603-659-7162 or [tomdolan84@hotmail.com](mailto:tomdolan84@hotmail.com)

## How to Report Suspected Abuse

If you know of or suspect abuse or neglect of a minor (a person under 18), you must report it to the NH Division for Children, Youth and Families at **1-800-894-5533** or **603-271-6556**.



As an employee or volunteer in the Catholic Church in New Hampshire, in addition to reporting to DCYF, if you know of or suspect sexual abuse of a minor by Church personnel you must also report it to:

1. Local law enforcement and the Delegate for Ministerial Conduct if the abuse involves a minor
2. Delegate for Ministerial Conduct if the abuse involves a person who is no longer a minor

Delegate for Ministerial Conduct - 603-669-3100

## CARING & SHARING



For this week the Pantry needs are:  
jelly, condiments, tuna, juice, vegetable soup,  
other soups except tomato and chicken

Thank you!!

The Yarn Crew will meet on

**Monday, Jan 13 at 10:00 am**  
in the church hall.

All are welcome. Hope to see you there!



## FOOD FOR THE POOR

*Saving Lives... Transforming Communities... Renewing Hope*

*Dear Parishioners,*

*Please join us the weekend of January 18, 2020 to hear Rev. Thomas W. Falkenthal speak at all the services about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.*

*Father Falkenthal will share personal witness about Food For the Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.*

*Fr. Falkenthal was ordained in the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1975. After serving parishes in Chicago, he entered the U.S. navy as Commander, chaplain Corps. He served overseas and retired after 24 years of active duty before joining Food For the Poor.*

*Please join us in welcoming Father Falkenthal.*

## Baptism of the Lord January 12, 2020



**(Marks the end of the Christmas season)**

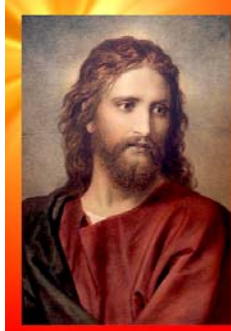
Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes. Read more about the Baptism of the Lord at [www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2020-01-12](http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2020-01-12)

Learn more about the symbolism and meaning of the Sacrament of Baptism at <http://www.usccb.org/about/justice-peace-and-human-development/upload/baptism-handout.pdf>

- catholicnh.org

## The Baptism of the Lord -- January 12, 2020

*"...this is my beloved Son..."* If this excites you into desiring to tell the story of Jesus, then God may be calling you to be holy through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life.



**This is my  
son the  
beloved.  
Listen to  
him.**

Call Father Matthew Mason at 663-0153,  
or write: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).

# MARCH FOR LIFE

DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER PILGRIMAGE



**Join us in Washington, DC!**

Registration is now open for our 2020 pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. for the annual March for Life

For more information or to register, contact your group leader, or visit [www.catholicnh.org/national-M4L](http://www.catholicnh.org/national-M4L)

## Care for Creation

"Ecological conversion" is a path for thinking and living in harmony with nature, with the world, with the community, with God and with others, and this harmony is the work of reflection, of the heart, a task that we must do with dialogue... This dialogue is an "intergenerational" task that must be accomplished day by day with "respect for the human rights of every person" and with "an openness and sensitivity in all forms of daily life."



- Father Bruno Marie Duffé  
Secretary of Vatican Office for Integral Human Development

## Keep Kids Safe- Abuse Awareness Training

Did you know? The Diocese of Manchester requires all those who work with children and youth in our parishes, schools, and camps to complete "safe environment" training. This training teaches adults to recognize and report suspected abuse and boundary violations. Training is offered free of charge to all NH Catholic adults and is available online at <https://manchester.cmgconnect.org>

For more information about child safety, visit [www.catholicnh.org/safety](http://www.catholicnh.org/safety)

## Community News



**LITTLE SAINTS STORY TIME** at Saint Mary Academy **Jan 14** at 9am & alternate Tuesdays. Young children & caregivers; bi-weekly, faith-based toddler story time, songs, crafts! At The Saint Mary Academy Preschool Building (110 Locust St in Dover). All are welcome!!! For more info: Beth Schartner at [bschartner@stmaryacademy.org](mailto:bschartner@stmaryacademy.org) or (603) 742-3299.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS** offered by Rockingham VNA & Hospice weekly **Jan 27-Mar 5**. Mondays at Epping Regional Health Center 10:30am-noon or Thursdays at Exeter Hospital at 6-7:30pm.

**Drop-in** grief groups at Epping Regional Health Center are on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Monday** monthly from 3-4:30pm; and at 4 Alumni Dr in Exeter on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday** monthly from 6:30-8pm (no registration for drop-in groups). All are free. For more info or to register call Jane at 772-2981.

**A JOURNEY TO HAPPINESS** Join us for a 4-week Journey to Happiness on Thursday evenings at 7-9 pm, **Jan. 30 - Feb. 20** at St. Ignatius Hall (below the Church) at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Rochester. Topics will include: FOLLOW THE MAP, WATCH OUT FOR DETOURS, TRAVELING FOR BUSINESS OR PLEASURE? and ARRIVING AT DESTINATION. For more information call Jackie Morganti at 332-3576. Rosary at 6:30, followed by praise and worship, presentation, brief discussion, and closing. Healing prayer ministry is always available at the end of the evening. Sponsored by the Mercy of Jesus Charismatic Prayer Group

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** "Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another." Work to live in your marriage as God desires by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are **Mar 13-15**, 2020 in Duxbury, MA and **Apr 18-19**, 2020 in BREWSTER, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.