

January 13, 2019

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.*

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"I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie: he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." Luke 3:16



Today the Church celebrates that point in Jesus' life when he went public, so to speak. He began to reveal who he was. There is another revelation in today's liturgy. It is that God is Trinity. At his Baptism. When Jesus the Son came up out of the water, the Spirit descended upon him and the voice of the Father declared that Jesus was his Son.

The Trinity, which is revealed in today's feast, is what is unique about Christianity and the point at which it differs most from Judaism from which it sprang. The revelation of God in the history of the chosen people took a significant leap forward with the birth of Jesus because now God is most clearly revealed for who God is - Father, Son and Spirit.

May God's favor rest on each of you.

Father Andrew

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

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

Offertory for Dec 23:	\$3617.00
... Christmas:	9351.00
... Dec 30:	3810.00
... Jan 1:	705.00
... Jan 6:	7694.00

"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 20: 2nd Sunday in O.T.

Reading I: Isaiah 62:1-5

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11



For January 12th - 13th

Saturday, 5pm - William Christian Erickson

Sunday, 9am - Bob Field

Sunday, 11:15am - Val Clifford

For January 19th - 20th

Saturday, 5pm - Richard Ferrari

Sunday, 9am - Michael Avery

Sunday, 11:15am - Most Reverend Robert E. Mulvey, D.D., J.C.D.

Second collection next weekend

Eric Ouellette, recent UNH graduate, is at St. Meinrad Seminary in first year theology. Please keep Eric and all who are discerning a religious/priestly vocation in your prayers.



*Next weekend's **Seminarian Fund** supports Eric and other seminarians as they discern and/or pursue their vocations.*

Faith Formation

Upcoming classes:

- Jan 13, Jan 27 & Feb 3

No classes Jan 30 for MLK weekend.



Middle School Faith Formation

Next sessions are January 28, February 4 and February 18 from 6-7:30pm.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

DTS:	Sun, Jan 27	6-8:30 pm (meal)
Retreat:	Sun, Feb 3	9 am - 3 pm; Rivier University
Life Teen:	Sun, Feb 10	6-8:30 pm (snacks)



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.



THE YARN CREW

A Non-Denominational Project to Connect Everyone with Our Military and Veterans

First meeting, Monday, Jan 14, 2019 9:00 AM
St. Thomas More Church Basement Classroom

Make HELMET CAPS, which are worn wet under helmets to stay cool & worn dry to stay warm. One soldier said, "It reminded me of home. Something soft to make me comfortable and think of my family."

Beginner skill pattern; Knit and Crochet.
To be distributed to soldiers at Pease.

Contact Pam Bapp via text 603-767-0966, email ptbapp@gmail.com, or fill out form at back of church.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

*We extend our deepest sympathy and continued prayers
or the family, friends and loved ones of:*



✠ Richard Ferrari

husband of Madeline Ferrari (deceased)
and father of Thomas Ferrari



*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and may
perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the
faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



Our parish family rejoices as
we welcome newly Baptized

Evangeline Hope West

to our faith community.

Many blessings upon
Evangeline and her parents Brian and Sara,
and their beautiful family.

CARING & SHARING



For this week the Pantry needs are:

brown rice, applesauce, meal helpers,
taco shells, beef stew, manwich, Kleenex.

Thank you!!

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?

Can you provide a meal for parishioners who ask for help through our Good Sams program?

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.

Safe Environment (Shield the Vulnerable) training Required

All clergy and adult employees and volunteers who work with minors on a regular basis in the schools, parishes, or camps of the Diocese of Manchester are required to participate in child abuse awareness training. The training covers topics such as how to recognize the signs of abuse and how to report suspected abuse. Training is offered in an online format. To take the online training (*Safe Haven*), go to manchester.cmgconnect.org. This training is for adults only. For further information, please contact our Safe Environment Coordinator, Maura Slavin at 868-2666 or stmdurham@comcast.net.

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**

Epiphany/Baptism of the Lord:

OPEN INVITATIONS

Come and See! Sunday, January 13, in the gym ~ Conversation, Coffee and donuts following the 9am Mass. If you didn't get a chance last week, come give us a try... **NOT JUST FOR KIDS!**

Fun activity centers for all ages await us - make crafts, explore reflections and conversations with other parishioners about the Jesus 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

*Last Sunday's lucky winners were
Jeri Zezula, Janet Sullivan and Tom Laue,
and Dorothy Pecce
Congratulations to All!*



If you are a charter member of the 200 Club who signed up in February of 2018, your subscription will expire 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.

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

Additional 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

On Sunday, **January 27**, the 200 Club will celebrate its first anniversary. Please join us after the 9am Mass to celebrate with cake and special drawings of \$500, \$300 and \$100 in recognition of the Club's support to the parish over the past year. All the more reason to become a member or renew your subscription!



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating an anniversary in 2019 of **10, 15, 20, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 55+ years**, to attend the ***Spring Wedding Anniversary Mass***.

This celebration will be held on **Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 2:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester.**

To register, please contact your parish office by **February 1, 2019**. The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all registrants will receive an invitation to this special celebration. Couples celebrating anniversaries of 5, 25, or 50 years will be asked to register later for a fall celebration. To all other married couples, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at this spring's Wedding Anniversary Mass!

Notice re: change in status of the Saint Benedict Center and the "Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary" and the Immaculate Heart of Mary School:

Following decisions reached by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome, the Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, The Saint Benedict Center, The Saint Benedict Center, Inc., and the Immaculate Heart of Mary School, Richmond, NH, have been placed under strict canonical prohibitions and obligations. *As a result, under no circumstances may Catholics receive the sacraments of the Church at the Saint Benedict Center or any of its locations, nor should they participate in any activity provided by this group or school, including their summer camp.* Further details can be found on the diocesan website at: www.catholicnh.org/sbc.

Christmas Memorials



HONOR living friends and family and/or REMEMBER deceased loved ones with a donation to support our

STM Church Advent/Christmas environment. All Honorariums and Memorials will be listed in the Bulletin.

Donation Envelopes are on the window sills in the Church and are still being accepted.

Memorials for Deceased loved ones

Richard Lassonde

Betty Lelio

Stan Filar

Colette Butler

Cindi Richard

Rosa, Alois and Emil Katzer

Philip & Annie Cantin

William O'Shea

Fred & Margaret Manley

Drew Plotke

Komonchak and Meehan families

The Hurley and McDowell families



Another Thank You to our parish...



Dear Father Cryans:

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a heartfelt "thank you" and express our gratitude for your recent support. We received the generous donation you made to Southeaster NH Alcohol & Drug Abuse services (SENHS) of \$500 on October 29, 2018.

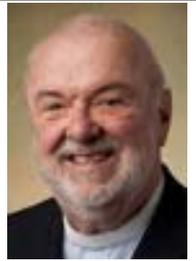
Your generous contribution will provide treatment services, hope and healing to those who suffer from a substance use disorder, as well as their loved ones. Your donation will be put to work right away by assisting those who cannot afford to pay for the addiction treatment services they so desperately need.

Thank you so much for providing hope to so many families by helping make SENHS programs accessible for those who are uninsured and/or cannot pay for services. We sincerely thank you for being part of our organization and for supporting such a critical cause.

Sincerely,
Nick Pfeifer, LICSW, MLADC
CEO

Please continue to welcome Fr. Norman Simoneau as he continues to lead us in worship while Fr. Andy is away through Jan 19/20. We love having you with us. Thank you Fr. Norman!

Thank you Fr. Bob Karris! Blessings on your ministry with Food for the Poor.



Community News

HOLY MASS OF HEALING AND HOPE on **Tuesday, Jan 15** at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church, Rochester. Rosary begins at 6:30pm, Holy Mass at 7:00, followed by laying on of hands for healing with Fr. Paul Gousse and trained prayer teams. For more info, call Jackie Morganti at 332-3576.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Bring the Holy Spirit into your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are **Jan 18-20**, 2019 in South Kingstown, RI and **Mar 8-10**, 2019 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

MERRIMACK COLLEGE Give yourself a PRESENT for Christmas! Take a course in Christian Spirituality with Fr. Ray Dlugos, OSA, Ph.D. in North Andover, MA. (**Begins Tues, Jan 22**, 6:30-9:30 pm) It could be your first step in a Masters or a Certificate in Spirituality or Spiritual Direction. Financial assistance available. Info session **Sat, Jan 19** at 12 noon. contact Jennifer Greenwood 978-837-5219 or greenwoodj@merrimack.edu

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS Sponsored by Rockingham VNA & Hospice, **starting Jan 21** (for 6 weeks) in Exeter & Epping. Mondays 10:30am - 12:00pm at Epping Regional Health Center; Tuesdays 5:30-7:00pm at RVNA & Hospice, Exeter, and Wednesdays 5:30-7:00pm at RVNA & Hospice, Exeter. Also a monthly drop-in Grief Support Group on the 3rd Monday of the month 3-4:30pm at Epping Regional Health Center. Free; registration required. For more info call Jane Oldfield-Spearman at 603-772-2981.

LOVE AND THE STAIRWAY OF FAITH Join us on **Thurs** from 6:45-9 pm at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church, Rochester for a 5-week spiritual growth and maturity series **Jan 24 - Feb 25**. Topics include: Saving Faith, Shield of Faith, Childlike Faith, and Expectant Faith. Evenings include the Rosary, lively praise and worship, a teaching presentation, an opportunity for discussion, and an offering for individual healing prayer ministry. FREE. For more information call Jackie Morganti, 332-3576. Sponsored by the Mercy of Jesus Prayer Group.

OUR LADY OF HOPE HOUSE OF PRAYER UPCOMING RETREATS *Contemplative Weekends* **Jan 25-27** and **Feb 15-17**. Adoration available, Mass Saturday a.m. Cost: \$150 (incl \$40 registration). *Tuning in to God*, **Feb 8-10** with Karen Conrow. Cost: \$160 (includes \$40 registration). In New Ipswich, NH. For more info or reservations, contact Sisters Rita Pay or Suzanne Rivard, p.m. at 878-2346 or olhope1@yahoo.com, or visit www.ourladyhope.org.

ST. ANDREW'S DINNER An invitation to young men, ages 14-18, who are considering a vocation to the priesthood or would simply like help hearing the Lord's call for their life, to an evening of prayer, conversation with the Vocations Team, and dinner on **February 8**, 6-8 pm at the Joseph House (279 Cartier Street) in Manchester. RSVP to vinson@rcbm.org or 663-0153 if you would like to attend.