

January 19, 2020
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

Mission



Every time we celebrate Eucharist, we say, "**Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**" This prayer comes from today's Gospel, where John the Baptist points out Jesus to his followers calling Jesus "the Lamb of God." John the Baptist's ministry shaped by this moment.

All five characters in this weekend's Scriptures are setting out on a mission:

Israel is charged to be "**the light of the nations**".

The **Psalmist** says "**God has put a new song into my mouth.**"

Paul is anointed by God **to be an apostle.**

Jesus is the one "**who is going to baptize with the Holy Spirit.**"

John witnesses that **Jesus** is **the chosen one of God.**

There is something appropriate this is **January, the month of fresh starts and resolutions.**

Does receiving Communion shape us in the way John the Baptist was shaped by his encounter with the Lamb of God?

Weekend blessings!
L'Shalom – in peace
Fr. Andrew

CHURCH OF SAINT THOMAS MORE

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OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK & NEXT:

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

Weekday Services:

Communion Services: Tuesday at 12:10pm.

Food Pantry: Thurs 4-6pm

January 26: Third Sunday in O.T.

Reading I: Isaiah 8:23—9:3

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23



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)

For January 25th – January 26th

Saturday, 5pm – † Kevin Kearney

Sunday, 9am – † Dorothy Forni-Rush

Sunday, 11:15am – † Joseph Lelio (1st Anniv)

CARING & SHARING



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

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

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

Mary, the Mother of God: \$ 795.00

Offertory for Jan 5: \$ 6532.00

Offertory for Jan 12: See next weekend's bulletin

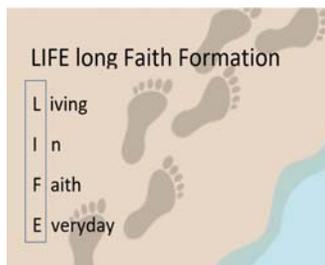
Give and it shall be given to you. - Luke 6:38

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



Middle School Faith Formation

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

High School Youth Ministry

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



Keep Kids Safe- Background Checks

Did you know? The Diocese of Manchester requires all adults who regularly work with children and youth in our parishes, schools, and camps to complete background checks. Recently, we began renewing these background checks every 4 years.

This is just one of the efforts undertaken by our diocese to protect children!

For more information about child safety in the Diocese of Manchester, visit www.catholicnh.org/safety



Game Night Potluck Friday, March 13 6pm

Dust off your board games as the Fellowship committee is hosting a Game Night Potluck! Mark your calendars for Friday March 13th at 6pm in the Student Center Gym. Signup will arrive closer to the date.

Three "collections" this weekend...

- 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!

Office **closed**...

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



(**No** Mass or Communion Service)



Little Saints Story Time at Saint Mary Academy!

Saint Mary Academy is excited to invite all young children and their caregivers to join us for a free weekly, faith-based toddler story time! Please come and enjoy stories, songs, crafts, and camaraderie that will nurture faith in our youngest of saints! Help your little ones build a foundation for lifelong learning with this engaging story time designed for them and their caregiver. It will also be the perfect way to meet new friends, connect with old friends, or just to escape the cold of our New England winter and warm your spirits!

We will meet **every Tuesday at 9am** for the rest of the school year (except for February and April vacation or snow days/delays) at the Saint Mary Academy Preschool Building (110 Locust St in Dover)



Walking with Purpose: Women's Bible Study
Connect Coffee Talk:
Your Heart - You Are Captivating

In this world of noise and busyness, it is hard for women to find the time to give ourselves a little attention. Please join us for a talk and discussion to remind us of how precious we are to God and that His love is unconditional. He is captivated by each one of us - not because of what we do or what others think of us but simply because we are His precious daughters. No experience necessary, just come as you are for some coffee and a chance to see what Walking with Purpose is all about!

We will hold this meeting **TWO** (duplicate) times, both in the STM Student Center Library:

Thurs, January 23 at 10:30am, and
Sun, January 26 at 10am.

"Above all, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life." (Proverbs 4:23)

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



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
Journey to the Easter Sacraments

Please pray for Alex & Derek, our Catechumens seeking Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist and being Sent for the Rite of Election with Bishop Libasci on March 1st at the Cathedral.

They join Candidates Kyle & Walter, joining the Catholic Church, and Gil & Gustavo, Danielle, Lucas & Pat as they continue their formation in preparation to receive Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

Our parish community is truly blessed!

If you are interested in joining the Catholic church, BEGIN THE CONVERSATION with Roberta MacBride stmpastoralmin@comcast.net ~ 603-868-2666 x115

"To you who have been consecrated in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people."

Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to consider priesthood or consecrated life?

Call Father Matthew Mason 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.



STM Recycles!

With its recycling "eco-bins," the Vatican is currently at 98% of sorted waste. Thanks to STM staff member Pat Murphy, St. Thomas More parishioners can also step up to help the planet by using the bright blue recycling bins now stationed in STM buildings.

Please help streamline the effort by following the disposal instructions provided at the bin stations. Recycling reduces the amount of energy required to manufacture materials (as compared to manufacture with virgin inputs) and leads to avoided greenhouse gas emissions.

The Lord God then took the man and settled him in the garden of Eden, to cultivate and care for it.
- Genesis 2:15

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

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

Help Us Support A Neighborhood Cause Each

Community Monday!

Come support the UNH Catholic Student Organization's alternative spring break trip to Bethlehem Farm on **Monday February 10th** at The Community Oven in Epping, NH at Brickyard Square (Old 900 Degrees). A percentage of sales from **5 PM to 9 PM** that night will benefit our trip, the more people who come the more we make!

First 50 pizzas —> We earn 5% of sales

50 - 80 pizzas —> We earn 10% of sales

80+ pizzas —> We earn 15% of sales

Thanks in advance for your support! Feel free to contact Ryan Cornelissen, Campus Minister with questions at: unhstm@gmail.com



The Oven in Epping
24 Brickyard Square
Epping, NH 03042
(603) 734-4543

Coffee & Donuts



February 9 March 1
March 29 May 3

Parishioners are welcome to **bring food** to Coffee & Donuts events, and such contributions are much appreciated.

It would be wonderful if we receive the food contributions around **8:45 a.m.** Thank you.



Catholic Charities NH



75th Anniversary Celebration

Catholic Charities NH invites you to their 75th anniversary gala, The Ice Ball, which will be held on

Saturday, February 15, 2020,
at the **DoubleTree by Hilton**
in downtown Manchester.

The evening will celebrate our powerful past and promising future with a cocktail reception, dinner and dancing within a beautiful and festive atmosphere. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.cc-nh.org/iceball or call 603-669-

Forward Together: Building Beloved Community

in These Times

Martin Luther King, Jr. commemoration

This annual event will take place
Sunday evening, January 19,
at **Wentworth-Douglass Hospital**, 789 Central Ave., Dover,
from **7-8 PM**
in the **Garrison Auditorium.**



Refreshments and fellowship will follow. No registration is required. **Maggie Fogarty**, AFSC-NH co-director, will be the featured speaker. As is traditional, the **Dover High School Chorus**, under the direction of Jim Butka, will bring youthful enthusiasm and artistry to the event. **Readings will recall the legacy of Dr. King** and civil rights pioneer **Rosa Parks**, and will encourage reflection on issues facing society today.

The Martin Luther King, Jr., commemoration has been sponsored for over 30 years by the Dover Area Religious Leaders Association (DARLA). Come to be inspired and moved to action. Bring your children that they may learn.

Community News

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 **3rd Monday** monthly from 3-4:30pm; and at 4 Alumni Dr in Exeter on the **2nd 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