

February 9, 2020  
*The Fifth Sunday of 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.*



There are echoes of the Letters of James in this weekend's Gospel, demonstrating one's faith by one's work. The phrase "the salt of the earth" has entered the English language and is used to mean the very best of people.

Because of last week's celebration of the Feast of the Presentation in the Temple, we missed the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount. Today's portion uses the metaphors of light and salt. The idea of our being salt and light requires an understanding and response by a way of life that is anything but superficial.

It cannot be understated that faith in Jesus demands practical and real response. In a culture where our religion can be quietly sidelined as "private and personal" it is essential that our faith is made manifest in action.

There's a lot of darkness all around us; people are often confused and led astray by false and destructive values. Let us try and make visible the power of God's light.

L'Shalom – in peace,  
Fr. Andrew

**CHURCH OF SAINT THOMAS MORE**

*A Community of Parish & University Ministry  
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**OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:**

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

**Weekday Masses:**

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday at 12:10pm.

Food Pantry: Thurs 4-6pm

**February 16: Sixth Sunday of O.T.**

Reading I: Sirach 15:15-20  
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10  
Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37



**For February 8th – 9th**

Saturday, 5pm – † Andrew & Evelyn Cryans  
Sunday, 9am – † William Boyland  
Sunday, 11:15am – † Fr. Bernard Campbell

**For February 15th – 16th**

Saturday, 5pm – † Alexander Lisy  
Sunday, 9am – † Richard "Dick" Fralick  
Sunday, 11:15am – † Mary Sakowski

**CARING & SHARING**



For this week the Pantry needs are:

Meal Helpers - Manwich, Hamburg/Tuna Helpers, Taco Shells, Juices, canned carrots, tomato sauce, tomato paste.

***Second collection last weekend***

..was for the Diocesan Catholic Schools.

*Thank you so much!*

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:**

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

**Offertory for Feb 2: \$ 4334**

**Diocesan Catholic Schools: \$ 1137**

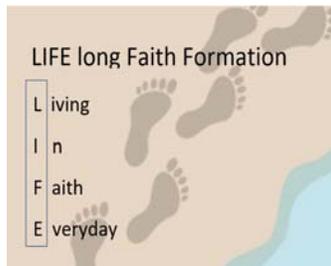
*Give and it shall be given to you." - Luke 6:38*

**Thank you for your generous contributions.**

## LIFE LONG FAITH FORMATION

### This weekend (2/9):

Parents and children will meet in the classrooms (PCC).



### Next weekend (2/16):

Whole Parish Formation (WPF) will meet in the gym. Everyone is welcome!

### The following weekends (2/23 & 3/1):

No classes, Oyster River School District vacation week.



### Middle School Faith Formation

The next sessions are **Feb 10** and **Mar 2**, 6-7:30pm.

### High School Youth Ministry



Life Teen: Sunday, Feb 9; 6-8pm (snacks)  
DTS: Sunday, Feb 16; 6-8pm (meal and HAVEN presentation)  
Fellowship: Wednesday, Feb 26, tubing

## National Marriage Week 2020 February 7-14

This year's theme is *Stories from the Domestic Church*. Here are some resources:

- Seven Day (just a few minutes a day) Home Retreat: <https://www.foryourmarriage.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/NMW-2020-Virtual-Marriage-Retreat.pdf>
- Rosary for married couples on Weds, Feb 12, 3pm hosted by USCCB at [facebook.com/usccb](https://facebook.com/usccb)
- For more information and resources, visit: [foryourmarriage.org](https://foryourmarriage.org)

### **Ash Wednesday**

March 6

Masses with distribution of ashes:  
12:10pm, 5pm, 7pm



### **Support our UNH CSO students in their Alternative Spring Break Trip Fundraiser**

CSO gets a percentage of the pizzas bought at The Oven in Epping on Monday Feb 10, 5-9pm.



See blurb in Campus Ministry page (back of bulletin) for details.

*Support our teens as they learn about & help others*



March 13-14

This year they are collecting donations for Haven, the largest violence prevention and support services agency in NH. The teens sleep outside in cardboard boxes, and collect donations for Haven.

Ways you can help:

- Sponsor a teen!
- Donate money, gas cards, gift cards!\*
- Chaperone or help cook a meal for the event!
- Donate needed items!\*

\*See list of gas cards and gift cards needed, and items needed on our website: [stmdurham.org](https://stmdurham.org) - there's a link toward the bottom of the home screen.

The Yarn Crew will meet on

**Monday, Feb 10th at 10:00 am**  
in the church hall.

All are welcome. Hope to see you there!



### **Upcoming events...**

**Beginning Saturday, Feb 15:** Bring in last year's palms to be burned and the ashes used at Ash Wednesday Masses.

**Monday, Feb 17:** Washington's birthday; office closed, no 12:10pm service.

**Saturday & Sunday, Feb 22 & 23:** Burying the Alleluia at all Masses.

**Wednesday, Feb 26:** Ash Wednesday.

Masses at 12:10pm, 5pm and 7pm, all with distribution of ashes.

**Sunday, Mar 1 at 9am Mass:** RCIA Rite of Sending for Election

Look for more news on Soup & Bread dinners and Lenten Reflections in upcoming bulletins.





## 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



### Care for Creation

Philippino Archbishop Jose Palma declared that the protection of creation has become a priority for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP). In response to Pope Francis' call to Catholics worldwide to act on the climate emergency, the Archdiocese of Cebu held its first "Convention on Climate Emergency" in January 2020. Some 500 members of the clergy and lay leaders from 160 parishes, representatives of private sectors and policy experts worked to develop recommendations and solutions to the most pressing environmental issues. Representatives of academia, business, civil society groups and local government also gave support. Cebu is considered the cradle of Christianity in the Philippines. [According to the 2019 Global Climate Risk Index of 181 countries, the Philippines ranks second highest when the countries are listed according to "most affected by climate-related disasters."]

- Vatican News, Feb. 2, 2020



### Coffee & Donuts



February 9      March 1      March 29      May 3

Parishioners are welcome to bring food to  
Coffee & Donuts events (drop off by 8:45 am, please).

Contributions are much appreciated.  
contributions around 8:45 a.m. Thank you.



### 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.

## Walking with Purpose: Women's Bible Study Session 13: How Can I conquer My Fears?



Please join us this week as we explore how we can look  
Jesus Christ to help us conquer our fears. No experience  
necessary, come as you are & join in anytime!

Thurs, Feb 13 at 10:30am (STM Student Center Library)

"He will cover you with his pinions,  
and under his wings you will find refuge." (Psalm 91:4)

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

## Is there a 5pm Sunday Mass this weekend?



Visit the CSO Student Mass/Supper calendar!  
See the Campus Ministry tab at [stmduham.org](http://stmduham.org)



## ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples  
celebrating an anniversary in 2020 of  
**10, 15, 20, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 55+ years,**  
to attend the **Spring Wedding Anniversary Mass.**

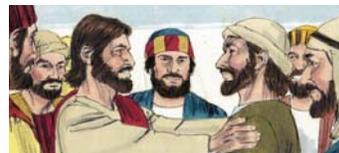
This celebration will be held on  
**Sunday, April 19, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.,**  
**at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester.**

To register, please contact the parish office by  
**March 20, 2020.**

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!

## St. Andrew Dinners



We would like to invite men  
in our diocese who are  
considering a vocation to the  
priesthood or would simply like  
some help hearing the Lord's

call for their life to an evening of prayer, conversation with  
the Vocations Team, and dinner (6-8pm) at the Joseph House,  
Manchester (279 Cartier St.).

Dinner on **February 21** is for young men ages 13-18 & dinner  
on **February 28** is for men ages 19-60.

Please RSVP to Becky Vinson at 663-0153 or  
[rvinson@rcbm.org](mailto:rvinson@rcbm.org) if you would like to attend.



# UNH Campus Ministry

## SPRING 2020- VOL. 3

Hello parishioners and students!

Did you happen to tune in for the super bowl? If so, did you happen to see the New York Life commercial that looked at love according to the ancient Greek civilization? In a world where the word love can mean almost anything, it can be helpful to learn the distinctions between the types of love, and to learn how we are called by God to each one in unique ways! Funny enough, our spring retreat is devoted to this topic! Hope you can join us!

Peace,

Ryan Cornelissen, Campus Minister, [unhstm@gmail.com](mailto:unhstm@gmail.com)

### Collaborative College Retreat! 2/15

Save the date for **Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup>** in Concord, NH at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish for our annual collaborative retreat with students from other New Hampshire colleges! This year's theme is:

# "Love"

We will be looking at the three main types of love that are referred to in our sacred scripture and how we are called to incorporate each into our lives in different ways! Food will be provided and student car-pools will be arranged! Contact Ryan for more info at [unhstm@gmail.com](mailto:unhstm@gmail.com)!

### Weekly Events!

#### SUNDAY- 2/9

- 5 PM- Student Mass  
St Thomas More Church
- 6 PM- Student Mass  
St Thomas More Student Center

#### TUESDAY- 2/11

- 1 PM- Community Lunch  
Holloway Commons Dining Hall

#### WEDNESDAY- 2/12

- 7:15 PM- Catholic Student Org (CSO)  
MUB 334

#### FRIDAY- 2/14

- 6:00 PM- Women's Group- MUB 340
- 7:00 PM- Community Dinner- HoCo
- 8:00 PM- Men's Group- Lighthouse



### Upcoming Cross Roads House Service!

Cook- Sunday Feb 9th-  
1 to 3:30 PM

Serve- Tuesday Feb 11th  
- 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM

CROSS  
ROADS  
HOUSE

### Alternative Spring Break Trip Fundraiser!- Monday Feb 10th!

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](mailto:unhstm@gmail.com)

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Help Us Support A Neighborhood Cause Each

# Community Monday!