

February 10, 2019
The Fifth 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.*

“Do every act of your life as if it were your last.”
Marcus Aurelius (121 - 180)

In **Habits of the Heart** Robert Bellah, late sociologist of religion, noted how we have moved from community awareness to individual awareness. This debate over what is more important continues nearly 35 years after the publication of this classic study: what is more important, the life of the community or the life of the individual.

Last Sunday, at Luke Fiermonti’s Eagle Court of Honor, I read these words of George Bernard Shaw:

I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community, and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can. I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work, the more I live. Life is no “brief candle” to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for a moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations.



Shaw’s words seem to capture the spirit of the event and the ideals celebrated in the Eagle award. We congratulate Luke and the exemplary community service his accomplishment represents.

Lord, infuse us with your grace,
Fr. Andrew

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

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

Offertory for Feb 3: \$ 5565

Catholic School Education: \$ 924

“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, Tues, & Thurs 9am - 3pm;
Wed 9am - 1pm

Masses: Mon, Tues, Wed at 12:10pm

Food Pantry: Thursdays 4pm-6pm

Feb 17: 6th Sunday in O.T.

Reading I: Jeremiah 17:5-8
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20
Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26



For February 9th – 10th

Saturday, 5pm – Reverend Gerald Boucher
Sunday, 9am – Tom Tatarczuch
Sunday, 11:15am – Franz Holzniekemper

For February 16th – 17th

Saturday, 5pm – Mary Coakley
Sunday, 9am – Bishop Robert Mulvee
Sunday, 11:15am – Darren Mathew Calleja

CARING & SHARING



For this week the Pantry needs are:
brown rice, applesauce, mustard, ketchup,
baked beans, jello, pudding

Thank you!!

Second collection last weekend:

*Thank you for your support of last weekend’s second collection for the **Catholic School Education Fund**.*

Faith Formation

Upcoming classes:

- Feb 10, and Feb 17

No classes Feb 24 or Mar 3 during school vacation.



Middle School Faith Formation

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

Confirmation Classes: **Feb 4 & 18, Mar 4 & 18**
7:30 - 8:30pm.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Life Teen:	Sun, Feb 10	6-8:30 pm (snacks)
DTS:	Sun, Feb 17	6-8:30 pm (meal)
Cardboard City	Sat-Sun,	Mar 9-10

CSO Thanks you!

Thank you to everyone who donated a picture frame!

Please see the Campus Ministry page for more information about Fr. Dan O'Connell's reflection on Sunday 2/24.

The Yarn Crew

Next Meeting: Feb. 11th 9:00 Am
Church Classroom
13 Hats and Counting
9 Towns and Growing
Brochures in the back of the church



St. Andrew Dinners

St. Andrew was the first of the Apostles to hear Jesus' call to follow him. 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. These evenings will take place for different age groups on Fridays from 6-8pm at the Joseph House (279 Cartier Street) in Manchester. Please RSVP to Becky Vinson at rvinson@rcbm.org or 663-0153 if you would like to attend.

February 15, 2019: Young Men: Age 19-24

February 22, 2019: Older Men: Age 25+

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

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



✠ Joseph Lelio
father of Andy Lelio



✠ Louis Cloitre
Brother of Roger Cloitre

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

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?

Our Parish Service Commission needs a new coordinator. Good Sams outreach is part of Service Commission and provides meals for parishioners who ask for help...new baby, accident, illness. Would you like to plan meals? Are you an organizer? We need you!

- ✠ Do you know someone who is homebound who would like a visitor or to receive communion?
- ✠ Do you enjoy visiting with elderly people? We have several care facilities and seniors in the area who are homebound ~ 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).

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

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

Care for Creation

POPES AND PRESIDENTS

Quiz # 7
NAME A PRESIDENT OF THE USA WHO signed the first UN Climate Summit document that got the world started on working in unison for climate change.

See answer at end of Community News



Popes and Presidents & the Planet

200 CLUB



You can be a winner, just like the Patriots!!

You can have your chance to be a monthly winner by reserving your number now! It's \$200 for an annual or \$100 for a semi-annual membership.

This month the 200 Club drawing will be held on Sunday, February 17 at Coffee and Donuts after the 9:00 Mass.

If you are renewing or plan to become a first time member, your payment must be submitted prior to February 14 to be included in the February drawing.

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, on the Church Facebook page at www.facebook.com/stmdurham, or contact Tom Dolan at 603-659-7162 or tomdolan84@hotmail.com

An Evening of Folk Music with Jim Rivet and Friends



When: Saturday, February 16, 2019; 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

Where: Church Hall, St. Thomas More, Durham, NH

What: Jim and other STM guitarists and singers will offer folk songs from the late 50's through the 70's for your listening pleasure. Feel free to sing along!

Coffee and tea will be provided. Please bring a small plate of cookies to share. A donation to the STM food pantry such as shampoo, soap, toothpaste, laundry detergent, etc. as your contribution if you wish.

No reservations necessary.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: From "Field Hospital on the Edge of the Battlefield," Richard Rohr's Daily Meditation, June 28, 2017.

WHY reach out? For our own liberation - not just to "help" others

The poor man or woman outside is an invitation to the poor man or woman inside. As you nurture compassion and sympathy for the brokenness of things, encounter the *visible icon* of the painful mystery in "the little ones," *build bridges* between the inner and outer, learn to *move between action and contemplation*, then you'll find compassion and sympathy for the brokenness within yourself.

Each time I was recovering from cancer, I had to sit with my own broken absurdity as I've done with others at the jail or hospital or sick bed. The suffering person's poverty is visible and extraverted; mine is invisible and interior, **but just as real**. I think that's why Jesus said we have to recognize Christ in the least of our brothers and sisters. It was for our redemption, our liberation, our healing ~ not just to "help" others and put a check on our spiritual resume'.

Hannaford in DURHAM has chosen STM **again** as a beneficiary of the Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag Program for the entire month of February!



As a reminder, every time anyone purchases a Fight Hunger bag at this location, we receive \$1!

Please go to the store, find the reusable bag rack

Community News

FAITHWORKS: A faith-based support group for unemployed/underemployed men & women. Meetings held monthly on the 2nd Thurs. The next meeting is **Feb 14** at St. Michael parish, Exeter; Gabriel House 7-9pm. Begins with networking & refreshments at 7pm; program begins at 7:30pm. Cathleen Toomey, Vice President of Marketing TRWG to discuss marketing yourself, defining your personal brand, using past experience, and opening your mind to new industries/businesses. Join LinkedIn.com & search for "Faithworks Employment Support Group-NH" under Groups. For information contact Glen White at white.glen@comcast.net

ST MARY ACADEMY Open House & Art Show on **Weds March 13**, 5-7pm. Interested Student Shadow Day on **Friday, Mar 22** 8:30am - 2pm. To learn more or to reserve a spot email Blake McGurty at bmcgurty@stmaryacademy.org. Visit www.saintmaryacademy.org.

LIVING AS FAMILIES OF FAITH One more free evenings of Wine, Cheese, Formation & Fellowship. **Thurs, Mar 21, 2019** 7-8:30pm "*Keeping Kids engaged in Faith*" at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Hall, Bedford. To register, email name, phone or email & number attending to cladnh2018@gmail.com. www.cladnh.weebly.com

ITALY PILGRIMAGE with The Passion Play of Oberammergau; **June 22 – July 2, 2020** hosted by Fr. Kyle Stanton & Deacon Mitch Couture; \$4479 per person from Boston. For more information: (603) 752-2880 or frkfstanton@gmail.com.

Popes and Presidents answer: George H.W. Bush

UNH Campus Ministry

Spring 2019– Vol. 3

Hello parishioners and students!

Since March is broken up by spring break, we have several exciting events occurring in the month of February! Please grab a Campus Ministry Calendar for the complete list of events, but the majority of events are listed and described in detail here! Feel free to reach out with questions for more information as well. I am available in the Student Center Sunday through Thursday and by e-mail!

Peace,
-Ryan Cornelissen
STM_CS0@COMCAST.NET

Welcome Fr. Dan O'Connell!



Please join me in welcoming Fr. Dan O'Connell from the Diocese of Boston, MA for an afternoon of reflection as we prepare ourselves for the season of Lent! Fr. Dan is host of the Catholic TV show "We've Got to Talk" that has been on air for 20+ years, is a sought-after retreat giver for the

Diocese of Boston, and is a teacher of homiletics to students pursuing ordination as Deacons in the Catholic Church.

**Sunday February 24th at 1 PM—
In the Church Sanctuary**

LOVE SERVICE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE, AND WISH THE CHURCH DID TOO? GOOD NEWS- IT DOES!

Please join us for "Catholic Social Teaching 101" on Sunday nights after the Student Supper in the Student Center Library at ≈ 7 PM to learn about and discuss the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching! **STARTS FEBRUARY 17TH!**

- Life and Dignity of the Human Person
- Call to Family, Community and Participation
- Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
 - Rights and Responsibilities
 - Solidarity
 - Care for God's Creation
- The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

Contact the Campus Minister (Ryan Cornelissen) for more details!

Weekly Events!

SUNDAY-

5 PM- Student Mass
St Thomas More Church

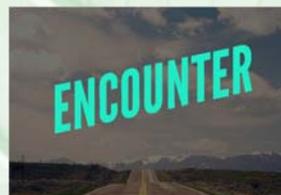
6 PM- Student Supper
St Thomas More Student Center

TUESDAY-

1 PM- Community Lunch
Holloway Commons Dining Hall
2nd Floor- Look for Our Table!

WEDNESDAY-

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



RETREAT

Feb 16th

10 AM—2 PM

Did you make a New Years Resolution to put more time in your schedule for God? Good for you! Time in reflection and prayer is SO beneficial and tends to have a positive ripple effect into other areas of your life!

Join us **February 16th at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Concord, NH** for a retreat with students from around the state! We will have a day retreat with fellow Catholic Christians from Plymouth State University and Keene State College! We will carpool to the event, so you don't need a car!

Contact Ryan Cornelissen, Campus Minister to reserve your spot!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES!



CROSS
ROADS
HOUSE

FIRST CROSS ROADS OF 2019!

Our first date of the semester is on Tuesday 2/12! We will meet at 4:20 PM at the Student Center and return by 7:30 PM. ALSO, we will be meeting to cook the meal that we will serve on 2/11 from 3 to 5 PM!

Contact the Campus Minister (Ryan Cornelissen) for more details!

FIRST HABITAT BUILD OF 2019!

Our first build of the semester is on Saturday 2/23! We will meet at 8:15 AM at the Student Center and return by 4:30 PM.

Contact the Campus Minister (Ryan Cornelissen) for more details!