

March 31, 2019  
*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

**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.*



**Lenten Soup**

There is nothing more like Lent than soup. Our parish custom is to have a sign-upsheet, as we take turns bringing soup and bread. Soup served up with nourishing bread. So simple and yet so satisfying and revivifying at the end of the day.

Each soup maker has their own specialty, prepared in their own unique way. But whatever else may go into the pot, you can't get away from the fact that soup, like people, is mostly water.

**Lent is a spiritual soup - something that nourishes us and revives us** by a variety of ingredients.

There are **the basic ingredients the Church prescribes: fasting, almsgiving** (works of mercy). **The most important, like water in material soup, is prayer.**

Then we have alms and fasting—like meat and vegetables that give soup its substance.

Please join us this Wednesday, April 3rd, for our third Lenten Soup and Bread Supper followed by this week's presentation entitled **Rembrandt and the Faces of Jesus.**

L'Shalom - in peace,  
Fr. Andrew

**Second Collection this weekend...**

for Catholic Relief Services (CRS) & Catholic Home Missions. We appreciate your generous support!

**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;  
Weds 9am - 1pm

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

Food Pantry: Thursdays 4pm-6pm

**Apr 7: 5th Sunday of Lent**

Reading I: Isaiah 43:16-21  
Reading II: Philippians 3:8-14  
Gospel: John 8:1-11



**For March 30th – 31st**

Saturday, 5pm – Louis Cloitre  
Sunday, 9am – Richard Wood  
Sunday, 11:15am – Floyd Ramsey

**For April 6th – 7th**

Saturday, 5pm – Cathy Coakley  
Sunday, 9am – Lea I Paquin (1st Anniv)  
Sunday, 11:15am – Fr. Gerry Boucher



Fr. Andy is **NOT** sending out emails requesting iTunes or Google Play cards! Staff (and others) have been receiving bogus emails that look like they are from Fr. Andy. **THEY ARE NOT.** Please check the actual email address emails are sent from. Fr. Andy does **NOT** have a gmail account. Please spread the word. Thank you.

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:**

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

**Offertory for Mar 24: \$ 4129**

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

**Thank you for your generous contributions.**

## Faith Formation

Upcoming classes:

- Mar 31 and Apr 7. Last class April 14.



### Middle School Faith Formation

Next sessions are **April 1**, and **April 15** (last class) from 6-7:30pm.

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Family Stations	Fri, Apr 5	7pm - 7:45pm
Life Teen:	Sun, Apr 7	6-8:30 pm (snacks)
Prepping for Holy Week	Sat, Apr 13	9am - 5pm



### Marina's Miles 5K

Saturday, April 6 at 10am  
At Oyster River High School



Race/walk in memory of former parishioner, UNH student & Oyster River HS graduate Marina Slavin to raise money for a scholarship to be awarded to an Oyster River HS student.

To register for the race or donate, visit [MarinasMiles.org](http://MarinasMiles.org). Donations accepted at the church office (made out to Marina's Miles 5K).

Marina's Miles is a 501c3 non-profit charity.

## Easter Flowers & Decorations

Honor or remember a loved one with a donation to our Lent and Easter environment.

- You can support our environmental liturgical needs by honoring or remembering a loved one.
- Envelopes are available at entrances and on the window sills.
- Names will be listed in the bulletin during the Easter season.

## STM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Prayer Shawl Ministry is a profound & meaningful opportunity for you to share your love of knitting or crocheting with those who are sick or lonely, seeking healing and hope.



We hope you will join us for our next meeting on **Tues, Apr 2** in the Student Center Library, 11am – noon.

If you have questions or know anyone who would benefit from God's healing love by receiving a shawl, please contact the STM office at 868-2666, or Mary Ann Marchi at 868-2019.

Join us for



## Lenten Soup & Bread!



Wednesdays during Lent : April 3 & 10  
6pm: Supper  
7pm: Prayer / Reflection in the church

This week's topic:

### Rembrandt and the Faces of Jesus

with Fr. Andrew W. Cryans MA, M.Div, S.T.M.

Signups to bring soup/bread are in the Church foyer.



## LENT ~ Giving UP ~ Doing For ~ Make a Difference

We are delighted! Our Parish Service Commission has a new coordinator, Beth Pescosolido. Good SAMS outreach is part of Service Commission and provides meals for parishioners who ask for help...new baby, accident, illness. If you need assistance or want to share a meal, contact Beth through [STMPastoralMin@comcast.net](mailto:STMPastoralMin@comcast.net).

✝ Do you know someone who is homebound who would like a visitor or to receive communion?

Contact Roberta MacBride to get the conversation started at [stmpastoralmin@comcast.net](mailto:stmpastoralmin@comcast.net).

## Wear Blue Day & Call to Prayer Day Friday, April 5



To express your stance against child abuse and to spread awareness about child abuse & neglect prevention, please consider wearing blue on Friday, April 5.

Share pictures on social media accounts (#WearBlueDayNH) or send them to [awade@rcbm.org](mailto:awade@rcbm.org) for inclusion in diocesan social media postings.

This is also a national day of prayer for victims. "May survivors of abuse experience God's profound love for them, and receive comfort and healing."



## APRIL 13TH • 9:00AM

Join us as we head out on our beautiful trail through historic downtown Dover!

Register at:  
[www.runreg.com/sma-5k-runwalk](http://www.runreg.com/sma-5k-runwalk)



Presented by Westmoreland County EXPRESS CARE



## 2019 MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGN WE MADE IT!

Last week we met our \$5,000 challenge match when we received five more donations which brought our total matching amount up to \$7,250! We, therefore, get the challenge match for a total of \$12,250!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

We will end the 2019 Matching Gift Campaign after this weekend on Monday, April 1. Any last donations will still be accepted and greatly appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this fundraiser a success!

- The Stewardship Commission



Our parish family rejoices as we welcome newly Baptized  
*Gianna Maria Maltagliati*  
to our faith community.

Many blessings upon  
Gianna and her parents Michael and Amy  
and their beautiful family.



### The Yarn Crew Monday April 8

9am in the Church Hall  
Guest speaker from Pease Greeters  
All are welcome!

### 200 CLUB

*Plenty of time to get or renew your number and be a winner at the next drawing on April 28!*

It's \$200 for an annual or \$100 for a semi-annual membership.

Additional information is available online at [stmdurham.org](http://stmdurham.org), or on the Church Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/stmdurham](http://www.facebook.com/stmdurham).

If you are renewing and unsure of your renewal date, please contact Tom Dolan at 603-659-7162 or [tomdolan84@hotmail.com](mailto:tomdolan84@hotmail.com) For an update.



### CARING & SHARING



For this week the Pantry needs are:

meal helpers, tomato paste, jello, puddings, stuffing, taco shells, taco sauce, taco seasoning Thank you!!

### Community News

**LAY CARMELITE COMMUNITY IS FORMING** at Corpus Christi Parish in Portsmouth. Are you called to live your baptismal promises more fully? Do you desire to deepen your relationship with Jesus, and seek a fuller prayer life? The Carmelite way of life includes private daily prayer, service, learning, and being part of a community. Come to an Information Night on **April 4** at 6pm at the Corpus Christi Parish Center (845 Woodbury Ave, Portsmouth). Future meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month. For more info, email [cc.carmel.nh@gmail.com](mailto:cc.carmel.nh@gmail.com)

**ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION** Thursday, **April 4** at 10am, featuring Kevin Gardner, writer and author, discussing "The Age of Stone Walls" at the Durham Evangelical Church. For more info, visit at [www.unh.edu/ara](http://www.unh.edu/ara), email [info@ara-nh.org](mailto:info@ara-nh.org), or call 743-4494.

**FAITHWORKS:** A faith-based support group for unemployed/underemployed men & women. Meetings held monthly on the 2nd Thurs. The next meeting is **Apr 11** at St. Michael parish, Exeter; Gabriel House 7-9pm. Begins with networking & refreshments at 7pm; program begins at 7:30pm. Patrick Therrien, Regional Human Resources Manager for AutoZone will provide insight on LinkedIn. Join LinkedIn.com & search for "Faithworks Employment Support Group -NH" under Groups. For information contact Glen White at [white.glen@comcast.net](mailto:white.glen@comcast.net)

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** Is your marriage bearing fruit? Don't wait until it is too late; make time for your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are **Apr 13-14**, 2019 in Brewster, MA and **Jun 8-9**, 2019 in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

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### Diocese of Manchester Safe Environment Announcements



#### #9 Keep Kids Safe- Boundaries in Ministry: Communicating with Minors

Adults who minister to minors must be mindful of their interactions with minors. Remember that words as well as actions can easily be misinterpreted. When communicating with minors, keep these boundaries in mind:

- Speak to minors in a respectful manner
- Keep conversations ministry-focused
- Ask minors to refer to you as Mr., Mrs., Ms., etc., rather than by your first name
- Do not discuss your personal life or problems with minors
- When meeting with individual students, do so in an area that is visible to others

For more information about child safety, visit:

[www.catholicnh.org/safety](http://www.catholicnh.org/safety)

# UNH Campus Ministry

## Spring 2019– Vol. 8

### Hello parishioners and students!

On this 4th Sunday of Lent, we hear the beautiful parable of the Prodigal Son from Luke's Gospel. The following is an excerpt from Henri Nouwen's masterpiece "The Return of the Prodigal Son;" please take a few minutes to reflect on how God is calling you to respond to the story this Lent.

*"One of the greatest challenges of the spiritual life is to receive God's forgiveness. There is something in us humans that keeps us clinging to our sins and prevents us from letting God erase our past and offer us a completely new beginning. Sometimes it even seems as though I want to prove to God that my darkness is too great to overcome. While God wants to restore me to the full dignity of sonship, I keep insisting that I will settle for being a hired servant. But do I truly want to be restored to the full responsibility of the son? Do I truly want to be so totally forgiven that a completely new way of living becomes possible? Do I trust myself and such a radical reclamation? Do I want to break away from my deep-rooted rebellion against God and surrender myself so absolutely to God's love that a new person can emerge? Receiving forgiveness requires a total willingness to let God be God and do all the healing, restoring and renewing. As long as I want to do even a part of that myself, I end up with partial solutions, such as becoming a hired servant. As a hired servant, I can still keep my distance, still revolt, reject, strike, run away, or complain about my pay. As the beloved son, I have to claim my full dignity and begin preparing myself to become the father."*

(Henri Nouwen, p.53)

### 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

#### FRIDAY-

5:00 PM- Community Dinner at HoCo  
6:00 PM- Women's Group- MUB 334  
Men's Group- Lighthouse

### MARINA'S MILES- 5K WALK/RUN



Like to run 5Ks?

Or

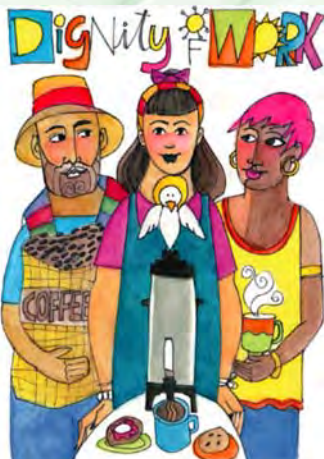
Like to volunteer?

**Saturday April 6th**  
**Oyster River High School**  
**Durham, NH**  
**10 AM Race Start**

Contact Ryan for more details!

### 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!



WEEK 5-  
Dignity of  
Work and the  
Rights of  
Workers

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

### SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES!

#### APRIL 9TH- SERVE @ CROSS ROADS !

Our next date to serve this semester is on Tuesday 4/9! We will meet at 4:20 PM at the Student Center and return by 7:30 PM.

We will prepare dinner on Monday 4/8 from 3 to 5 PM in the student Center!

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

#### NEXT VOLUNTEER DAY- APRIL 13TH!

Hello wonderful students! Please note a change from the March calendar, we will be volunteering with Habitat for Humanity on Saturday April 13th from 9 AM to 3:30 PM. Spots are filling up fast, so contact RYAN ASAP to reserve yours!



CROSS  
ROADS  
HOUSE

