

May 12, 2019
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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.



The Good Shepherd
"I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me." - John 10:14

During the Easter season the readings of Luke's Gospel is interrupted to make way for selected readings from the Fourth Gospel. In the Gospel of John, Jesus makes a number of serious "I AM" statements. We hear one of them today:

"I am the Good Shepherd."

The shepherd image conveys a message of care and nurture, fidelity and restoration. It emerges in the early Christian era as the most common portrayal of Christ in art.

Some of the most primitive Christian art comes from the Catacombs. In the catacomb of Callistus (CA 200) is found a moving image of the "Good Shepherd" that stirs the contemporary believer.

Jesus told the people about a shepherd who, when he loses one of his sheep, leaves the others and goes off after it. Probably all of us here today know two or three people who have wandered away from the church, who have lost their sense of belonging, who fell "astray."

How will they be helped back if no one offers to make the journey with them?

Fr. Andrew

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

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

Offertory for May 5: \$5314

"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;
Weds 9am - 1pm
Office closed Friday

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

Food Pantry: Thursday 4pm - 6pm

May 19: 5th Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts 14:21-27
Reading II: Revelation 21:1-5a
Gospel: John 13:31-33a, 34-35



For May 11th - 12th

Saturday, 5pm - † Lorraine McMahan
Sunday, 9am - † Floyd Ramsey
Sunday, 11:15am - † Bud Blumenstock

For May 18th - 19th

Saturday, 5pm - † John Guy
Sunday, 9am - † Ray Plourde
Sunday, 11:15am - † Diana Schmelzer



Ascension Thursday Masses

Thursday, May 30: 12:10 pm & 7pm

For those who are in abusive situations, may they find the courage to tell someone and may our ears be open to listen to them and assist them.

NH Catholic Charities Speaker last weekend

Thank you for welcoming Tom Bebbington and for your support of Catholic Charities!

Many blessings to all our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and all who mother, nourish and take care of us!

Happy Mother's Day!



Note on Donation Envelopes for Catholic Communication Campaign

The date on the donation envelopes for the Catholic Communication Campaign is May 12. The diocesan collection is on June 2. We will be having a second collection on June 2. Any money donated in the Catholic Communication Campaign envelopes (or plain envelopes or checks noted for Catholic Communication Campaign) will go to that cause, regardless of when they are donated. Any cash placed in the second collection on June 2 will also go to the Catholic Communication campaign. Thank you!



Diocese of Manchester Safe Environment Announcements

#15 Keep Kids Safe—Gaming Guidelines

Gaming is a popular pastime, especially for many boys. Most video game platforms have internet connectivity, meaning that kids can go online while playing games. This allows for chatting and website browsing. Here are some tips to help make gaming safer:

- ◆ Before allowing your child to play a new game, check ratings and reviews
- ◆ Use parental controls to restrict use to the ratings and features you approve
- ◆ Keep gaming systems in a public area of the home
- ◆ As with any technology, remind your child not to give out personal information
- ◆ Check out www.esrb.com, which provides additional tips and ratings information

For more information about child safety, visit: www.catholicnh.org/safety



You Can Make a Difference

Good SAMS outreach provides meals for parishioners who ask for help... new baby, accident, illness.

If you, or someone you know, needs assistance or wants to share a meal, contact Beth Pescosolido, the coordinator, through STMPastoralMin@comcast.net.

- ✦ Do you know someone who is homebound who would like a visitor or to receive communion?
- ✦ Do you know someone who needs a greeting of joy or consolation from our Card Ministry?

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



Summer Office Hours begin June 3:

Mon, Tues & Thurs: 9am - 1pm;
Closed Wed & Fri



Weekday Masses will be held in the Student Center Library beginning **June 3**, as well.

Care for Creation

On May 19 (not May 12, as in earlier bulletins) after Mass, the CFC members will offer you a gift of seedlings of pollinator plants. This photo represents an example of the results of last year's similar project. Help protect biodiversity by finding a special place for these plants. Thank you for caring for our environment.



For the month of May at the Durham Hannaford.

Thank you!



...to everyone who contributed to the Post Office Food Drive this weekend!

RCIA Journey to the Easter Sacraments

Our parish community is delighted to welcome these gifted young women, **Josephine Tarbell** and **Elizabeth McGowan**, fully to our parish community! Let us continue to keep Josie and Liz in our thoughts and prayers as they journey with us in faith.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Catholic church or completing their adult sacraments, please contact Roberta at 868-2666 x115 or stmpastoralmin@comcast.net.



Our parish family rejoices as we welcome newly Baptized *Anthony Vincent Ducharme* to our faith community.

Many blessings upon Anthony and his parents Carly & Peter, and their beautiful family.



Farmer's Market in June

The Durham Farmers' Market

1st Monday of each month

June 3 - Sept 30

2:15 - 6pm

at

Sammy's Market Parking Lot
across from STM.

CARING & SHARING



For this week the Pantry needs are:

Baking items (mixes, frosting, etc.), coffee, tea, cream chowders, vegetable soup, pancake mix, pancake syrups

Thank you!!

**SCAM
ALERT**

Fr. Andy is NOT sending out emails requesting iTunes or Google Play cards! Staff (and others) have received 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.

Engaged Couples Weekends volunteers needed

The Diocese of Manchester is seeking part time presenters and part time hospitality coordinators for our **Engaged Couples Weekends** in the following regions; The Seacoast area, Greater Manchester/Nashua area, Western NH and Northern NH areas. These positions will collaborate to lead positive, formative weekend experiences for engaged couples based on Ascension Press' *Joy-Filled Marriage* program. These workshops will take place on various weekends throughout the year. Couples married at least five years are encouraged to apply. Training will be offered for these openings. If you are interested in applying please send your resume to Chris Hagen at chagen@rcbm.org by May 17th. Please visit the following link for more information and the full job descriptions: <https://www.catholicnh.org/employment/>



Community News

WOMEN'S RETREAT on **Sat. June 1** with author Danielle Bean from 9am to 3pm at St. Michael's in Exeter. \$35 (lunch included). Visit www.stmichaelparish.org to register. For more info, contact Susan Breton at religioused@stmichaelparish.org

RECOVERY WITH HOPE AND DIGNITY Educational Awareness Forums on the opioid epidemic & substance use disorders presented by NH Seacoast Rotary Clubs. **June 3** Wentworth-Douglass Hospital Garrison Wing Auditorium. 6-8pm. To register: <http://evite.me/tmdWStcbmu>

AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION inaugural New England Classic Walk to stop diabetes on **July 13**, 2019 at UNH. Choice of routes (1 to 5 or more miles). Check-in begins at 11am. Registration for walkers opening soon at www.diabetes.org/newenglandclassic; for more info: www.necwalkatunh.home.blog. Volunteers are needed for **advance planning** and for the day of the event. Contact Barbara Sehr (bsehr@iuk.edu) to volunteer or for further information.

LIVING IN GOD'S TIME a retreat for young adult Catholics living in Maine & NH. **Aug 23-25** at Notre Dame Spirituality Center in Alfred, ME. Registration fee is \$120, includes 2 nights lodging (single gender shared rooms, except for married couples), meals, snacks, retreat materials and facilitators (\$250 value). Limited funds available for financial assistance. Email mjsilvia@rcbm.org for more information or visit <https://portlanddiocese.org/olff/ya-retreat19>

ST. CHARLES SUMMER CAMP Weekly themes, field trips, science experiments, daily activities, free play, daily swimming. **July 1 - August 16** (not July 4) 8am - 4pm, entering 1st through 5th grade. For more information call Jennifer at 332-4768, jjgilbert@stcharleshome.net or www.cc-nh.org/events/summercamp/



TECHNO GEEK WANTED!!

Are you knowledgeable about wireless communications?
Could you help the Parish staff evaluate needs versus equipment?
We could use some advice on WIFI set up as well as wireless speakers.

Contact Bindy at STMfinance@comcast.net if you can lend a few brain cells. Thanks!!

Lucas Nering Senior Recital

Lucas is our keyboardist at the 11:15am Mass.
All are welcome to attend his Senior Recital at

St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Dover
on Thursday, May 16 at 6pm.

Congratulations to Lucas for all his musical accomplishments!



What should I do?
What is God's will?
What's my life about?

Sunday, May 12, 2019: World Day of Prayer for Vocations (50th Anniversary)

The purpose of the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** is to publically fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the *ordained ministries* (priesthood and diaconate), to the *Religious life* in all its forms (male and female, contemplative and apostolic), to *societies of apostolic life*, to *secular institutes* in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life, in the particular sense of *mission "ad gentes"*. - www.usccb.org

GOD'S CALL:
discerning His direction

Are you a **high school age young woman or man,**
or a **single man age 18-50**
who is discerning God's call in your life?

Led by the Spirit Discernment Retreat

For single men ages 18-50. Spend the weekend of June 7-9 with other men from the Diocese of Manchester who are discerning the Lord's will for their lives. Fr. Matthew Mason and the vocations team will lead a retreat at the Barbara Harris Retreat Center on the shores of beautiful Otter Lake in Greenfield, NH. Take time to pray, to learn, and to listen for the Lord's will for your life. The cost is only \$50 and financial aid is available. For more information or to register please visit liveinblackandwhite.com or contact Becky Vinson in the Vocations Office at 603-663-0153 or rvinson@rcbm.org

Fiat and Quo Vadis Days Camps

Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you! High school age young men and women (ages 14-18) are invited to attend our upcoming vocations camps to look at the Lord's call in your life while having lots of fun. These are overnight camps held at Northeast Catholic College in Warner and are led by priests, sisters, and seminarians of the diocese. The camps include a full schedule of hiking, swimming, canoeing, sports and games, daily Mass and prayer, and opportunities to grow in friendship with the Lord and with each other. The cost is only \$50 and financial aid is available. For more information or to register please visit liveinblackandwhite.com or contact Becky Vinson in the Vocations Office at 603-663-0153 or rvinson@rcbm.org

Fiat Days (young women): July 8-11

Quo Vadis Days (young men): August 5-9