

May 19, 2019  
*Fifth 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.



**Remember Mary**

Mary is at the heart of everything that unites human instincts with religion - birth, maternity, simplicity and the deepest of natural affections between two persons. An inscription in Greek on a

papyrus fragment (ca. 4th century) is believed to be the earliest known prayer to Mary:

*"We flee to your protection, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs do not disdain our prayer, but save us at all times from all dangers."*

The language of this ancient prayer is much like the popular Medieval prayer known as the **Memorare**:

*"Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I turn to you, O virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you do I come, before you I kneel, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions but in your clemency, hear and answer me."*

The author of the **Memorare** is believed to be Saint Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153). The prayer is a vivid testimony to one man's closeness to the Mother of Jesus. May our recitation of this tender prayer transform the lives of those who offer it.

Fr. Andrew

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:**

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

**Offertory for May 12: \$4130**

*"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 26: 6th Sunday of Easter**

Reading I: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29  
Reading II: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23  
Gospel: John 14:23-29



**For May 18th – 19th**

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

**For May 25th – 26th**

Saturday, 5pm – † Cathy Coakley  
Sunday, 9am – † Lorie Cyrans Fields (8th Anniv)  
Sunday, 11:15am – † Patricia Messler (5th Anniv)



**Ascension Thursday Masses**

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

Office **closed Monday, May 27** for Memorial Day.



**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.

## Diocese of Manchester Safe Environment Announcements



### #16 Keep Kids Safe— Technology Tips: Smartphone Safety

Smartphone technology means that the internet is literally at our fingertips! This is both a blessing and a challenge. When your kids are ready for a Smartphone, keep the following in mind:

- Use parental controls to limit access to inappropriate content
- Set the device so that app purchases require parental approval
- Make a contract with your child listing rules you expect him or her to follow
- Be aware that in-phone apps sometimes provide access to sites you've blocked
- Consider having children turn in their phones to you at a certain time each night
- Know passwords & make it clear that you will be checking the phone periodically
- Tell your kids that they will not be punished if they come to you and report that they received inappropriate content or messages—you will help them!

For more information about child safety, visit:

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

## Care for Creation

### Quiz 10:



Plants are considered a critical resource because of the million ways they uniquely support life on our planet. Name some ways plants help the environment.

Answer is at the bottom of "Community News"

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:stmpastoralmin@comcast.net).

# Congratulations

and many blessings



to all those graduating from  
UNH this weekend!

For the month of

**May**

at the

**Durham  
Hannaford.**

Thank you!



## Stay Informed



Visit

<https://www.catholicnh.org/about/stay-informed/>

to subscribe to either:

- eNews, or
- Catholic Citizenship News

## 200 Club

*The next 200 Club drawing is at  
coffee and donuts  
after the 9am Mass on May 26.*

*That's just a week away.  
Make sure you have a number.  
Don't be left out.*



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)

or

Contact Tom Dolan at 603-659-7162 or [tomdolan84@hotmail.com](mailto:tomdolan84@hotmail.com).

## 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](mailto:stmpastoralmin@comcast.net).



## 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!!

## Care for Creation

Remember to take home a pollinator plant from CFC for your home, and enjoy participating in helping the earth's biodiversity. All creation gives God praise: protect biodiversity.



## Farmer's Market in June

The Durham Farmers' Market  
*Every* Monday  
(not just first, as previously stated)

June 3 - Sept 30

2:15 - 6pm

at

Sammy's Market Parking Lot  
across from STM.



## 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.

*For those whose spirits are broken because of abuse,  
may they find hope and the strength  
to overcome their difficult situation.*

## Prayer for Vocations

As the Church throughout the world prays for vocations, let us join this special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Keep our parish priests in your prayers throughout the week.
- Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.



**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](http://www.stmichaelparish.org) to register. For more info, contact Susan Breton at [religioused@stmichaelparish.org](mailto: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>

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** Jesus is the Resurrection and the Light for our Church and within our Marriages. Gift your relationship with a bright light by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are **Jun 8-9** in Medway, MA and **Sep 14-15** in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

**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](http://www.diabetes.org/newenglandclassic); for more info: [www.necwalkatunh.home.blog](http://www.necwalkatunh.home.blog). Volunteers are needed for **advance planning** and for the day of the event. Contact Barbara Sehr ([bsehr@iuk.edu](mailto: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](mailto:mjsilvia@rcbm.org) for more information or visit <https://portlanddiocese.org/offf/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](mailto:jjgilbert@stcharleshome.net) or [www.cc-nh.org/events/summercamp/](http://www.cc-nh.org/events/summercamp/)

Answer to Care for Creation Quiz 10:

release oxygen, absorb carbon dioxide, regulate water cycles, provide food for humans and other wildlife, and habitats for pollinators.



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## *What does lifelong faith formation look like to you?*

Be a part of the change!! We'd love to see you and hear from you!!

We need you!!

We are looking for parents who are interested in meeting and being part of the process to help navigate the changes being brought to our parish with the Diocese's move to the Restored Order of the Sacraments. These changes include moving to a family centered faith formation program.

We have resources from the Diocese to support the change but we want to include parents in this process and are open to new and different ideas and suggestions. Now is a chance to be a part of this exciting time in our parish. Come hear how you can be involved.

**When: Monday, May 20, 2019**

**Time: 7:00pm**

**Where: St Thomas More Church Hall**

**Who: All interested parents**

Looking forward to seeing you all!!

If you are interested but unable to attend,  
please email Ann McGurty [stmfaith@comcast.net](mailto:stmfaith@comcast.net)

**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](http://liveinblackandwhite.com) or contact Becky Vinson in the Vocations Office at 603-663-0153 or [rvinson@rcbm.org](mailto: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](http://liveinblackandwhite.com) or contact Becky Vinson in the Vocations Office at 603-663-0153 or [rvinson@rcbm.org](mailto:rvinson@rcbm.org)

**Fiat Days (young women): July 8-11**

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