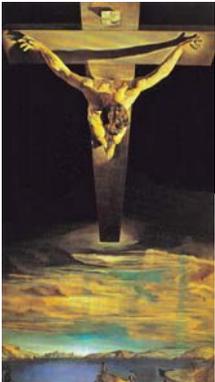


June 2, 2019  
Seventh Sunday of Easter

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.

Salvator Mundi



Christ of St. John of the Cross painted by Salvador Dali in 1951 is a favorite religious object of mine. I have a print of it hanging in the hallway at the rectory and relocate it to the entrance of the Church each Good Friday.

Dali's painting was inspired by a pen and ink drawing by the sixteenth-century Spanish Carmelite, St. John of the Cross. The cross appears suspended between heaven and earth. The figure of Christ is seen from above, rather than looking up at the scene from below.

There are no nails, no blood, no crown of thorns—the bowed head, the outstretched arms, the tapering legs are like an arrow from heaven to earth. They point to the foot of the cross, which is plunged into the depth of creation.

Dali has created an enduring image of Christ bearing the suffering of the whole of creation. A profound answer to the question: Where is God when people suffer?

"Here," says Jesus, with arms outstretched on the cross.

God bless you,  
Fr. Andrew

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:**

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

**Offertory for May 26: \$3825**

*"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

SUMMER HOURS: Mon, Tues & Thurs 9am - 1pm;  
Office closed Wednesday & Friday

Weekday Masses: Mon, Tues at 12:10pm (library)

Food Pantry: Thursday 4pm - 6pm

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.

June 9: 7th Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts 2:1-11

Reading II: Romans 8:8-17

Gospel: John 20:19-23



**For June 1st - 2nd**

Saturday, 5pm - † John Judge (1st Anniv)

Sunday, 9am - † Richard Ferrari

Sunday, 11:15am - † John Coyne

**For June 8th - 9th**

Saturday, 5pm - Ric & Marci Erickson (53rd Wedding Anniv)

Sunday, 9am - Fr. Andrew W. Cryans (44th Ordination Anniv)

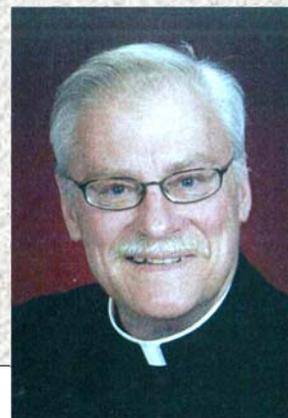
Sunday, 11:15am - † David Stumhofer

**Second Collection this weekend...**

...for the Catholic Communication Campaign, supporting communications like Parable, catholicnh.org, diocesan eNews, and new diocesan Instagram account: [www.instagram.com/dioceseofmanchester/](http://www.instagram.com/dioceseofmanchester/). Thank you!!

Join us in celebrating Fr. Andy's  
**Happy 44th Ordination Anniversary!**

We will have a blessing for him at all the Masses this weekend  
**June 8 & 9**  
and a reception after 9am Mass on Sunday, June 9.  
We thank God for Fr. Andy!



**Diocese of Manchester  
Safe Environment  
Announcements**



**#18 Keep Kids Safe-  
Technology Tips: Cyberbullying**

43% of students report that they have been cyberbullied. The following tips can help parents and kids prevent and respond to cyberbullying:

- Teach your kids to "think before they post"
- Encourage children to speak up if they or someone they know is being bullied, whether in person or online
- Tell your children not to forward mean or embarrassing posts or photos
- Let children know that you want them to come to you if there is a problem

Remind children to treat others as they wish to be treated.

For more information about child safety, visit:

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



**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.

**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).

**200 Club**



*Congratulations to:*

*Paul Boucher, Janet Dean, Peter Foley*

*... winners of the May 200 Club drawing.*

Don't forget to pick up a membership/renewal envelope so you too can have your chance to be a monthly winner at the next drawing on **June 30th.**

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.

Renewing members may contact Tom Dolan at 603-659-7162 or [tomdolan84@hotmail.com](mailto:tomdolan84@hotmail.com) if unsure of your renewal date.

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults ~ RCIA Journey to the Easter Sacraments

**"COME AND SEE!!!"**

Have you thought about joining the Catholic church by receiving the Initiation Sacraments of **Baptism ~ Confirmation ~ Eucharist?**

RCIA is the *Christian Initiation process* through which an adult begins a faith journey of conversion that is gradual and suited to individual needs within a Catholic faith community.



The full RCIA process is used when someone has *never been baptized* and desires to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. This person, a *Catechumen*, begins with **Inquiry** about the faith, parish life, and initial conversion to Christ and the Church.

Those who *desire to become Catholic* and are **already Baptized in a mainline Christian Church**, are invited to become *Candidates* for **Reception into Full communion of the Catholic Church**.

If you have been Baptized Catholic but have not been catechized to receive Confirmation and/or Eucharist, you are invited to also become a *Candidate* for these sacraments.

BEGIN THE CONVERSATION with Roberta MacBride  
stmpastoralmin@comcast.net ~ 603-868-2666 x115

## "I am the Resurrection and the Life"

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



✠ Robert "Bob" Calamari  
husband of Rita Calamari



✠ Jaime Gault  
wife of Christian Gault

*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.*

## 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!!

## 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.



## Community News

**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>

**DISCERNING GOD'S CALL** Led by the **Spirit Discernment Retreat** for single men ages 18-50. **June 7-9** with Fr. Matthew Mason at Barbara Harris Retreat Center, Greenfield, NH. **Fiat and Quo Vadis Days Camps** for high school age (14-18) young men (Quo Vadis Days) and women (Fiat Days) overnight vocations camps. Northeast Catholic College in Warner. Led by priests, sisters, and seminarians. Full schedule of hiking, swimming, canoeing, sports, games, daily Mass and prayer. Women: **July 8-11**, men: **August 5-9**. All \$50 each, financial aid available. For more info or to register visit [liveinblackandwhite.com](http://liveinblackandwhite.com) or contact Becky Vinson 603-663-0153 or [rvinson@rcbm.org](mailto:rvinson@rcbm.org)

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** "I am with you always, until the end of the age." Allow God to journey with you in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are **Jun 8-9**, 2019 in Medway, MA and **Sep 14-15**, 2019 in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

**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/summertcamp/](http://www.cc-nh.org/events/summertcamp/)

**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/olff/ya-retreat19>

## ***Notes from the Stewardship Commission:***

The Parish is now within the last month of its Fiscal Year. The Stewardship Commission routinely tracks our income and expenses during the Fiscal Year with increased scrutiny as the end of the year approaches. To allow you to also follow along with us, we report a “Stewardship Update” in the bulletin which shows how each week’s regular offertory income compared to the amount we need to receive on average to meet our annual budget (\$5,050). If you have been following, we have had quite a few more weeks when the receipts were less rather than greater than the target amount. As we go into the final month of the Fiscal Year our cumulative regular offertory income amount is just about \$10,000 below the annual budget. The Matching Gift Campaign also brought in about \$10,000 below last year’s amount. These are very significant shortfalls. We understand that some Parishioners may have redirected some of their weekly offerings into other donations, the Matching Gift Campaign or the 200 Club. These donations are also very important and appreciated but they all ultimately go equally into the total income amount. The relatively good news is that our expenses for the Fiscal Year were over the budget, but not by a large amount. Our problem this year has been INCOME.



We are asking everyone to think back over the year about how often you may have missed Mass because of inclement weather, vacations, family events or other reasons and may not have made up your typical offertory contribution for that week. Please consider putting some or all of that missed amount in the basket or in an envelope mailed to the Parish Office this month. We really do depend on it. In past years we asked everyone to consider making a “Double Weekly Contribution” during June to help offset shortfalls like this. We cannot offer you mugs with St. Thomas More’s picture on them, attractive tote bags or CD collections of our Choirs’ greatest hits. All we can do is thank you and assure you that the money is being well-spent for things that benefit our Parish community and programs.

While you are considering what more you might be able to do to help now, remember also:

- You can arrange to make automatic contributions from a checking or savings account directly to the Parish. You would not need to worry about writing checks or having cash on hand each week and could attend your other events knowing you are still doing your part to support the Parish’s financially.
- You can buy something that the Parish needs directly. Items are periodically listed in the bulletin under the “Sponsorship Program”. This lowers our financial burden in a way that doesn’t add to our Diocesan assessment.
- You can make tax-deductible contributions to the Parish (a charitable organization) at the end of the tax year or at any time during the year.
- You can remember STM in your estate planning.

As difficult a decision it was to not have the Yard Sale this year, we need your assistance in identifying new fundraising and community building events that are much less labor intensive to bolster income to the Parish and offset reductions in other funding sources.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office at (603) 868-2666.

Thank you in advance for your help at this time.