

June 23, 2019 Corpus Christi

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.



Saint Thomas More Part I

Thomas More was born on February 7th, 1478. His father, John More, was a successful lawyer who was knighted and made a judge of the King's Bench. Thomas' early education was centered around the study of Latin. In Tudor England, a successful lawyer had to be able to write or make an impromptu speech in Latin as easily as he could in English.

However, the law could never wholly satisfy More's intensely religious temperament. For a time he thought of becoming a priest, and even lived the life of a monk among the Carthusians. Eventually he decided to continue to live as a layman although keeping up his spiritual exercise.

Thomas more's first wife Jane died shortly after the birth of their fourth child, John. He remarried a widow, Alice Middleton, who proved to be an excellent mother to More's children.

Much of Thomas More's writing was devoted to issues of Church and state. His perspective was certainly not confined to England. In a sense, he might be looked upon as the first European and his literary achievements were well known on the continent.

His chief literary work is Utopia or "Nowhere land," an imaginary nation used as a background for creating new political ideas and for offering a critique of existing ones. The Utopia remains his best known and most widely studied work.

Blessings and Peace,
Fr. Andrew

Next week - Part II: More's trial and death

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, Weds at 12:10pm (library)

Food Pantry: Thursday 4pm - 6pm

NOTE: Food Pantry closed Thursday, July 4

June 30: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21
Reading II: Galatians 5:1, 13-18
Gospel: Luke 9:51-62



For June 22th – 23th

Saturday, 5pm – † Andrew W. Cryans, Sr. (10th Anniv)
Sunday, 10am – † Mark Stevens (3rd Anniv)

For June 19th – 30th

Saturday, 5pm – † Evelyn Mae Cryans (1st Anniv)
Sunday, 9am – † Bob Field
Sunday, 11:15am – † Claire Forcier

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

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

Offertory for June 16: \$4402

"Give and it shall be given to you." - Luke 6:38

Thank you for your generous contributions.

Second Collection next weekend...

Is for the Works of the Holy Father fund. This is an assessed collection, and STM is responsible for \$975, regardless of the donation amount.

Your support it greatly appreciated!

Thank You

To everyone who made our celebration of the **Feast of St. Thomas More & Parish Picnic** (and Corpus Christi)



a joyful time of prayer and fellowship for our parish family!



Early bulletin deadline...

Please have items for the **July 7 bulletin** in to the office by **Wednesday, June 26.**

DEADLINE

Thank you!

Music Education Opportunity for Music Ministry

Thursday, July 11, 18 and 25

6:30 - 9pm

St. Joseph's Cathedral in Manchester.



Introductory music education course for choristers and cantors focusing on various aspects of music theory and its direct application to choral and ritual music. Participants should be currently involved in a choir, section leader or cantor. Tuition \$120 including all materials.

See flyer at stmdurham.org or contact Eric Bermani at EBermani@stjosephcathedralnh.org or 622-6404 x31.

If you missed the **Ministry Fair** and would like to:



- Register in our STM parish,
- Find out more information on ways you can get involved,
- Share a special talent, but not sure how

Contact: **Roberta MacBride** at stmpastoralmin@comcast.net

Picture Frames needed...

We're looking for 20-25 inexpensive frames to hold 8 1/2 x 11 size paper. Its ok if there's no glass/plastic. Call the office at 868-2666 if you have any to donate. Thanks!

The **Contemporary Choir** will be taking a much needed month off from singing at the 9:00am Mass. We will be gone July 28 through August 18th and returning August 25th.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank you our congregation for supporting the choir. It is truly a privilege to lead you in prayer and praise of our God.

- Pamela Bapp, Contemporary Choir Director

Hello parishioners of St. Thomas More,

Thank you to everyone who attended the Taco Super fundraiser for my Eagle Scout Project, and to those who donated after the fact! It was a great success, and I will be able to start organizing work days to complete the project. I would also like to thank the families who helped set up, and clean up after the supper!

Thanks again,
Andrew Kelly



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.



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.

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

Pope Francis Call for Immediate Action

On May 27, 2019, Pope Francis addressed finance ministers from various nations at the "Climate Change and New Evidence from Science, Engineering, and Policy" meeting, organized by the Pontifical Academy of Sciences. In the address, Pope Francis called on them to take immediate action on climate change. He urged them to:



- put an end to global dependency on fossil fuels;
- open a new chapter of clean and safe energy, that utilizes, for example, renewable resources such as wind, sun and water;
- agree upon a common plan that accords with climate science, the latest in clean energy engineering, and above all the ethics of human dignity.
- above all, to act prudently and responsibly in our economies to actually meet human needs, promote human dignity, help the poor and be set free of the idolatry of money that creates so much suffering.

You can read the full text of the Pope's address at the Vatican web site:

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2019/may/documents/papa-francesco_20190527_climate-change.html?fbclid=IwAR2kqAxK9sSsRQgIfkkWu_FWtAF01XXEdgYX-47xfyH-BtDbBXc6yAeHdw&eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=24aa2bd9-61bb-4687-819f-c18ad40a5693

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.

Community News

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, jgilbert@stcharleshome.net or www.cc-nh.org/events/summercamp/

DISCERNING GOD'S CALL 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 or contact Becky Vinson 603-663-0153 or rvinson@rcbm.org

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>

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Let Jesus multiply the love in your marriage. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are **Sep 14-15** in Medway, MA and **Oct 18-20** in Laconia, NH. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

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



✠ Kenneth Geremia
husband of Jan Geremia



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

200 CLUB

The next 200 Club drawing is after the 9am Mass on June 30. 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, or on the Church Facebook page at www.facebook.com/stmdurham

or

Contact Tom Dolan at 603-659-7162 or tomdolan84@hotmail.com.

CARING & SHARING



For this week the Pantry needs are:

Applesauce, stuffing, meal helpers, canned pasta, and soup (vegetable, chowders, or creamed)

Thank you!!

Please welcome **Fr. Charles Collins** from **Cross International** next weekend (June 29 and 30). Please consider a generous donation to his organization. Thank you!

FP: Food Pantry



WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:
 Saturdays: Reconciliation 4:00pm
 Saturdays: 5pm
 Sundays: 9am, 11:15am
 (no 5pm Sun when UNH is not in session)
Weekday Masses in the library.

OFFICE HOURS: MON, TUES, THURS 9am - 1pm (WED, FRI closed)

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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| | <p>1 No 12:10 Mass or Communion Service</p> | <p>2 No 12:10 Mass or Communion Service</p> | <p>3 No 12:10 Mass or Communion Service Office Closed</p> | <p>4 Independence Day Office closed NO FP</p> | <p>5 Office Closed</p> | <p>6</p> |
| <p>7 14th Sun of O.T. Lemonade on the Lawn after 9am Mass</p> | <p>8 12:10 Mass Student Center</p> | <p>9 12:10 Mass Student Center</p> | <p>10 12:10 Mass Student Center Office Closed</p> | <p>11 FP 4-6pm</p> | <p>12 Office Closed</p> | <p>13</p> |
| <p>14 15th Sun of O.T. Lemonade on the Lawn after 9am Mass</p> | <p>15 12:10 Mass Student Center</p> | <p>16 12:10 Mass Student Center</p> | <p>17 12:10 Mass Student Center Office Closed</p> | <p>18 FP 4-6pm</p> | <p>19 Office Closed</p> | <p>20 2nd collection this weekend: Parish to Parish</p> |
| <p>21 16th Sun of O.T. Lemonade on the Lawn after 9am Mass</p> | <p>22 12:10 Mass Student Center</p> | <p>23 12:10 Mass Student Center</p> | <p>24 12:10 Mass Student Center Office Closed</p> | <p>25 FP 4-6pm</p> | <p>26 Office Closed</p> | <p>27</p> |
| <p>28 17th Sun of O.T. Lemonade on the Lawn after 9am Mass 200 Club drawing after 9am Mass</p> | <p>29 12:10 Mass Student Center</p> | <p>30 12:10 Mass Student Center</p> | <p>31 12:10 Mass Student Center Office Closed</p> | <p>Looking ahead... Feast of the Assumption: Thursday, Aug 15 No Yard Sale this year.</p> | | |