

August 4, 2019
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.*



Signs of Faith

The Sign of the Cross has been called the Creed in a nutshell. This familiar gesture proclaims our faith in the Trinity; Father, Son and Holy spirit. It marks us with the Cross, recalling our baptism into the redeeming sacrifice of Jesus. With this sign we begin and end every prayer (including the Mass) and commit any work to God's glory (Col. 3:17). With it we invoke God's blessing on people and objects we consecrate to His service. With it the priest sends us forth to serve God in the world.

Many people sign themselves with "little crosses" before the proclamation of the Gospel. This ritual recalls the words of Deut. 11:18-19: we promise to keep God's Word on our minds and hearts and lips. Other traditional times for making the Sign of the Cross are at the end of the homily and when receiving Holy Communion.

The rubric of the Mass instructs us to bow our heads (or, at Christmas, to genuflect) during the Creed at the phrase "he came down from heaven, and became man." Thus we acknowledge the essential truth of Christianity; Almighty God became human for the salvation of human beings. Bowing the head at the Name of Jesus is another sign of belief in the Incarnation.

Finally, every "Amen" is an affirmation. "Amen" proclaims our belief in God's forgiveness in the Kyrie, His truth in the Creed, His Glory in the *Our Father*, and Jesus' Presence in the Eucharist.

Contemplating these signs of faith each time we repeat enriches our worship and deepens our faith.

Blessings on your week,
Fr. Andrew

Join us for...

Lemonade on the Lawn

every Sunday after the 9am Mass
over the summer!



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**

**NO Weekday Services: No Masses or
Communion Services this week.**

Food Pantry: Thursday 4pm - 6pm

August 11: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Wisdom 18:6-9
Reading II: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Gospel: Luke 12:32-48



For August 3rd – 4th

Saturday, 5pm – † Eileen LaRocca
Sunday, 9am – † Joan E. Titterington (1st Anniv)
Sunday, 11:15am – † John J. Fitzhenry (1st Anniv)

For August 10th – 11th

Saturday, 5pm – † Edward Clancy
Sunday, 9am – † Anne Knowles
Sunday, 11:15am – † Joseph Duval

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

**Average Weekly Regular Offertory Amount Needed
to Meet Our Annual Budget = \$5,234**

Offertory for July 28: \$ 3966

"Give and it shall be given to you." - Luke 6:38
Thank you for your generous contributions.

In our desire to renew, encourage, and support parish disciples of **all ages** and **all life long**, we have updated our Faith Formation mission and goals:

LIFELONG Faith Formation Mission Statement

ST. THOMAS FAITH FORMATION commits to engage our whole parish community by nourishing and growing the foundations of our Catholic faith and continuing the mission of Jesus Christ through

**EXPLORATION-EDUCATION-EVANGELATION-
FORMATION-WORSHIP-PRAYER-SERVICE**

in OUR **LIFELONG** JOURNEY of FAITH.

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Everyday

Feast of the Assumption

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, Aug 15
Only ONE 7pm Mass



**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.

CARING & SHARING



For this week the Pantry needs are:

baking mixes (cakes, bars, etc.), catsup, relish, baked beans, meal helpers (Tuna Helper, Hamburger Helper), applesauce

Thank you!!



St. Charles 5K Road Race

Fun-filled, affordable, family-oriented 5K run/ walk benefitting St. Charles School in Rochester. Labor Day, September 2, at Martin's Point Healthcare on the Pease International Tradeport in Portsmouth, at 9am. Flat course, great food by Applebee's, bagels, fruit, donuts, coffee. Cash awards will go to the top four male and female finishers, medals to the top three in each category. PR keychain medal for those getting a personal record. Pre-registration is \$20 (12 and under is \$10). Race day registration \$30 (13+). Free t-shirts for the first 300 registrations. Free kids Fun Run for ages 2-7 after the race. For more information visit www.runningnuns.com.

Golfers!



14th Annual **Crescentia Classic** golf tournament
supporting **On Belay**,

an adventure-based program providing support & community for kids whose family has been affected by cancer.

Pease Golf Course, Portsmouth; Aug 5; 8am shotgun tee-off
Golfers - \$125 (foursomes- \$500)

Contact: Bill & Crescentia Healy 292-6454
Eryn True 793-9498

Register: <http://birdeasepro.com/thecrescentiaclassic>

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



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

"COME AND SEE!!!"

Tuesday Sept 24 at 7pm in the Student Center Library

**GROW
RICH
IN THE SPIRIT**



Many blessings upon the **Contemporary Choir** who is taking a much needed month off from singing at the 9:00am Mass until August 25th.



A special thank you to UNH freshman Lucas Nering for leading music during summer vacations.

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.

Bins wanted!!

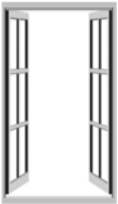
If you have extra various sized small storage bins (to organize things like bulbs, nails, etc), the STM office can use them! Nothing fancy, lids not needed.

If you would like to donate any, contact Bindy at 868-2666 or stmfinance@comcast.net.



Thanks!

NOTE:



When entering the Student Center, please use the main front doors. The side door to the Student Center will be locked (even when the office is open). Thank you!

Sponsorship Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who promptly responded to our need for additional altar server robes!

We are so blessed to have such a responsive and generous parish!



Thank You!

LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF GOD

Care for Creation

The heavens declare the glory of God,
the skies proclaim the work of his hands. - Psalm 19:1



God has been talking through creation for a very long time. God continues to speak. If we're listening, no clearer mandate is delivered than to act on behalf of God's creation, all of its dimensions and creatures.



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Bishop Libasci invites all couples celebrating an anniversary in 2019 of **5, 25 or 50 years**, to attend the **Fall Wedding Anniversary Mass**. This celebration will be held on **Sun, Oct 20, 2019 at 2pm, at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester**. To register, please contact your parish office **by September 20, 2019**. All registrants will receive an invitation to this special celebration. Couples celebrating anniversaries of 10, 15, 20, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 55+ years will be asked to register later for a spring celebration. To all other married couples, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at this fall's Wedding Anniversary Mass!

SAINT MARY ACADEMY



Dover, NH

Pre-K thru Grade 8
Daily Tours
Available



To learn more about registration,
call Blake McGurty or visit
www.saintmaryacademy.org

And the
Winners
are...

And here are the 200 Club winners for July!!

Congratulations to:

Jeannette Lassonde
Timothy and Kristen Maloney
Frank McGinn

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 **August 25th**.

It's \$200 for an annual or \$100 for a semi-annual membership.
Additional information is available online at stdurham.org or on the Church Facebook page.

Renewing members may contact Tom Dolan at 603-659-7162 or tomdolan84@hotmail.com if you are unsure of your renewal date.



Diocese of Manchester Safe Environment Announcements

#22 Keep Kids Safe - Parent Guide about Sexual Abuse

Sadly, in the United States, 1 in 10 males and 2 in 10 females report having been sexually abused as a child. It is important for parents to talk with children about personal safety and make sure they know what to do if an adult or older person's behavior makes them feel uncomfortable. This is not an easy conversation. The Diocese of Manchester has prepared a guide for parents entitled, Talking with Your Children About Sexual Abuse.

The guide can be found online at:

www.catholicnh.org/parentguide

FertilityCare System CREIGHTON MODEL

Natural Family Planning

The Creighton FertilityCare System is a highly effective and morally acceptable natural method of family planning. It is healthy and strengthens marriage. It is used to achieve a pregnancy or avoid a pregnancy and can be useful in the diagnosis and treatment of reproductive disease.

Online introductory classes will be held on the first Wednesday and third Thursday at 7pm of each month.

For more information contact

Mary Menendez, CFCP
St. Gerard Majella FertilityCare Services
642-8050 or CreightonFertility@yahoo.com



August 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.

For more information Email mjsilvia@rcbm.org or visit <https://portlanddiocese.org/olff/ya-retreat19>

Community News

GOSPEL MUSIC CONCERT MARK209 in concert on **Monday, Aug 5** at 8pm outside at the Newmarket Town Hall/St Mary Church parking lot (inside St. Mary Church in case of rain). \$5/ticket. Bring your own chair. For more information, email thewhitecastle@comcast.net

RECEIVING THE SPIRIT OF LIFE Charismatic Retreat with Fr. Jurgen Liias on The Questions of Jesus in the Gospels at St. Theresa Church, Henniker on **OCT 12**. Cost is \$20 and includes lunch. For information, contact Jackie Morganti jspmnt@gmail.com or 332-3576

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER "Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God." Discover how much your marriage matters to God by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are **Sep 14-15** in Medway, MA and **Oct 18-20** in Laconia. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.