

August 11, 2019
Nineteenth 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.*



The Assumption

On this day the Church celebrates the tradition that, at the end of her earthly life, the Blessed Virgin Mary was assumed into heavenly glory.

The earliest references to this belief date from the Fourth Century, yet it wasn't until 1950 that Pope Pius XII defined it as an article of faith. August 15th has been observed as a feast day of Mary since the beginning of the Seventh Century.

The poet, Gerard Manley Hopkins, S.J., sketches her role in salvation history in his elegant poem, "The Blessed Virgin Compared to the Air We Breathe."

Of her flesh he took flesh:
He does take flesh and flesh,
though much the mystery how,
not flesh but spirit now
and makes, O marvellous!
new Nazareths in us,
where she shall yet conceive
Him, morning, noon, and eve;
New Bethlems, and he born
there, evening, noon and morn -
Bethlem or Nazareth,
men here may draw like breath
more Christ and baffle death;
Who, born so, comes to be
New self and nobler me
in each one and each one
more makes, when all is done.

May we be led to the glory of heaven by the prayers of the Virgin Mary.

Father 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**

**Weekday Services: Mon & Tues 12:10pm
Communion Services this week;**

Mass for the Feast of the Assumption, Thurs 7pm

Food Pantry: Thursday 4pm - 6pm

August 18: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
Reading II: Hebrews 12:1-4
Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

The Feast of the Assumption ~ Thurs, August 15

7pm Mass only
(This is a Holy Day of Obligation.)



For August 10th – 15th

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

For August 17th – 18th

Saturday, 5pm – † Stanley Maciolek
Sunday, 9am – † Evelyn Cryans
Sunday, 11:15am – † Marina Slavin

Second Collection next weekend...

...for NH Missionaries Abroad and Migrant & Refugee Ministry in NH. Your generosity is appreciated!

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.

Living
In
Faith
Everyday

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



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.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

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



✠ Margaret Matz
beloved mother of Karen and Tom Palmer

✠ Frank Armstrong
beloved father of Kelly and Bob McDonough

✠ Frank Lonano
beloved father of James and Julia Lonano



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.

Congratulations!



Peter Stergios and Chloe Huntz
were joined in Holy Matrimony on August 3rd.

On behalf of the St. Thomas More parish community,
we wish you a lifetime of wedded bliss!

**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.



Forest Reservation Challenge Update

Only four sites left to visit!

- 18. Moose Mountains Reservation - Middleton / Brookfield
- 23. McCabe Forest - Antrim
- 24. High Five Reservation - Deering
- 25. Heald Tract Reservation - Wilton/Temple/Greenville

Visit stmdurham.org (link is near the bottom of the home page) or forestsociety.org/challenge

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.

Please welcome visiting priest

Fr. Joseph Gosselin

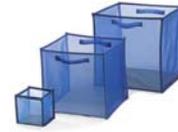
from **Unbound** this weekend.

Any support of his ministry is greatly appreciated!



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!



Every creature is
a little word
of God.

Saint Bonaventure



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!

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!

CARING & SHARING



For this week the Pantry needs are:
Canned fruit, applesauce, cranberry sauce,
chicken noodle soup, vegetable soup, tuna

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.

- ✚ 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.

Community News

MAHRAJAN 2019 Middle Eastern food festival, Our Lady of the Cedars Melkite Catholic Church in Manchester **Fri-Sun, Aug 16-18**, Fri 5-10pm, Sat 12-10pm, Sun 12-6pm. Free admission. www.bestfestnh.com

LYDIA'S HOUSE OF HOPE Seacoast Summer Dine-Around **Fri, Aug 23** (Kittery, Portsmouth & Rye). A percentage of proceeds from that evening will be donated to Lydia's House of Hope. Visit lydiashousenh.org.

NHRTL BENEFIT BANQUET on **Oct 3** at the Executive Court Banquet Facility in Manchester. Reception: 5:30pm, Dinner & Speaker (Terry Beatley): 6:45pm. \$65/person. Reservations: nhrtl.org/banquet2019



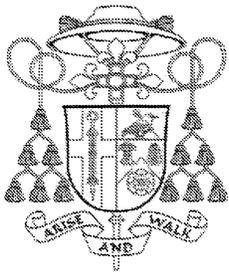
Diocese of Manchester Safe Environment Announcements

#23 Keep Kids Safe - Prayer for Victims of Abuse

Sadly, in the United States, 1 in 10 males and 2 in 10 females report having been sexually abused as a child. Praying for victims of child abuse is something we all can do to support those who were abused. If your parish or school prayer group or Eucharistic Adoration ministry is interested in praying for victims of abuse through the diocesan Cry to Heaven prayer program, please contact the Director of the Office for Healing and Pastoral Care at jnaff@rcbm.org or (603) 663-0125 for further information.

For more resources to assist victims of abuse, visit

www.catholicnh.org/healing



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP
DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

July 31, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It has been more than one year since we learned of reports of misconduct involving then-Cardinal McCarrick, quickly followed by the release of the Pennsylvania Grand Jury investigation, which detailed terrible accounts of sexual abuse of minors by clergy. Since that time, I have updated you as I have sought guidance on what our Diocese can do to enhance our efforts to protect minors and emerge as a place of hope and healing. I prayed deeply for guidance from our Lord, sought counsel from many of you in my own flock, and worked to engage in renewed efforts toward protecting children and vulnerable adults in our ministries.

In my last letter to you, I wrote of the Holy Father's *motu proprio*, "*Vos estis lux mundi*", a formal document in which Pope Francis provided new norms for the worldwide response to sexual abuse. While much of what is required in these new norms already has been in place in the Diocese of Manchester for many years, there are several steps I am taking with others locally, regionally, and nationally. For example, since 2003, the Code of Conduct in the Diocese of Manchester has included a mechanism to report concerns involving bishops. Together with my brother bishops from across the country, we met in June and implemented key components of the *motu proprio*, including an agreement to initiate a national third-party reporting system for receiving confidentially, by phone and online, reports of misconduct or abuse by bishops. The bishops of the United States have committed to activating the system no later than May 31, 2020.

Additionally, I wanted to let you know that the Diocese of Manchester has launched a new section on our website designed to provide further transparency to our ongoing commitment to protecting minors. Here we have not only compiled resources for victim-survivors, families, and those who wish to report abuse, but the site also includes a single place to review the names of priests who have been accused of sexual abuse of a minor since 1950. I am publishing names that have already been made public on some level and also including two names more-recently reported and investigated of abuse that occurred more than forty-five years ago. We are now aggregating this information in a readily accessible format at www.catholicnh.org/restoringtrust.

On behalf of my predecessors and the Church in New Hampshire, I am sorry. I seek your forgiveness for the grave sins of abuse and betrayal of trust that representatives of the Church committed. Each and every day, I pray that victim-survivors find healing. I also fervently pray that we never allow such darkness to enter our Church again. With these new efforts, I hope to continue on a path to restoring your trust.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci
Bishop of Manchester