

August 25, 2019
Twenty First 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.



Prayer: How to Go About Listening

What you do immediately before prayer is very important. Normally it is something you do not rush into. Spend a few moments quieting yourself and relaxing, settling yourself into a prayerful and comfortable position.

In listening to anyone, you try to tune out everything except what the person is saying to you.

In prayer, this can be done best in *silence* and *solitude*. Select a favorite passage from the Bible, five to ten verses. Try to find a quiet place where you can be alone and uninhibited in your response to God's presence. Try to quiet yourself interiorly.

In an age of noise, activity and tensions, it is not always easy or necessary to forget our cares and commitments, the noise and excitement of our environment. Never feel constrained to blot out all distractions. Anxiety in this regard could get between ourselves and God.

Begin reading the Scripture slowly and attentively. Do not hurry to cover the material. Ask God for the grace to listen to what he says.

If the passage recounts an event of Christ's life, be there in the mystery of it. Share with the persons involved, e.g., a blind man being cured. Respond to what Jesus is saying. Some words or phrases carry special meaning for you. Savor those words, turning them over in your heart.

Blessings,
Fr. Andrew



Please welcome our guest priest,
Fr. Norman Simoneau
Thank you Fr. Norman, and welcome!

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

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

Offertory for August 18: \$ 3692
Mission Coop Collection: \$ 869

"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

REGULAR HOURS: Mon, Tues & Thurs 9am - 3pm;
Wednesday 9am - 1pm; closed Friday

Weekday Communion Services:
Mon, Tues 12:10pm (no service or Mass Wed, Thurs, Fri)

Food Pantry: Thursday 4pm - 6pm

September 1: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Sirach 3:17-18, 20 28-29

Reading II: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14



For August 24th – 25th

Saturday, 5pm – ☩ Anna Veilleux

Sunday, 9am – ☩ Robert Kane

Sunday, 11:15am – ☩ Patricia Kehn

For August 30th – September 1st

Saturday, 5pm – ☩ Mary Bilodeau (27th Anniv)

Sunday, 9am – ☩ Tom Tatarczuch

Sunday, 11:15am – ☩ Edward Sweeney

Second Collections...

Thank you for your support of the Augustinian Missions in Peru & Japan **last weekend.**

The second collection for NH Missionaries and Ministries to Migrants and Refugees that was originally scheduled for last weekend (Aug 18) will be **this weekend.**

Next weekend is the Catholic University & US Conference of Catholic Bishops collection, assessed for \$1669.

Donations in envelopes will always go to the organization on the envelope, regardless when the donation is made.

Thank you so much for your ongoing and generous support!

Faith Formation News!

Parish Festival! ~ Sept 14
(more details to come)



Mandatory parent meeting ~ Sept 16
PreK through High School parents

Come learn about the changes to the Faith Formation program
(more details to come)

PreK-5 Classes begin ~ Sept 22
Middle School Edge Classes begin ~ Sept 23
(more details to come)

Join us for...

Lemonade on the Lawn

after the 9am Sunday Mass!
This weekend is the last of the season.



First Student Mass (& BBQ) on
Sunday Sept 8.

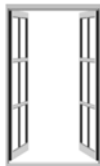
Mass at 5pm, BBQ follows



When entering or leaving the Student Center,
please use the main front doors
to avoid traffic next to the church.

The side door to the
Student Center will be locked
(even when the office is open).

Thank you!



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

The Contemporary Choir will resume rehearsal on **Thursday, August 22nd** at 7:00 pm in the church. All are welcome to join the choir. If you would like to join the choir, please text Pam Bapp at 603 767-0966 or you can always just show up. We hope to see new faces and hear new voices and instruments. - Pamela Bapp, Choir Director



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
stmtpastoralmin@comcast.net ~ 603-868-2666 x115

"COME AND SEE!!!"

Tuesday Sept 24 at 7pm in the Student Center Library

Community News

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Allow Jesus to transform your marriage and show you how to truly love your spouse by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are **Sept 14-15** in Medway MA & **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/>.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT WEEKEND at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Rochester on **Sept 20, 21, 22**, 6:30-9 pm Fri., 9-9 Sat, 9-1 Sun. This seminar leads to establish or deepen our relationship with Jesus and a greater awakening of the power of our Baptism and Confirmation thru an experience of the Holy Spirit likened to a personal 'Pentecost'. Cost \$25, includes all light meals. Scholarships available. To pre-register / details, call Jackie Morganti at 332-3576 or send a \$25 check to J. Morganti, 78 Eastern Ave., Rochester, NH 03867

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP Weekly for 6 weeks **Sept 23 - Nov 4**. Mondays in Epping; Tuesdays & Wednesdays in Exeter. More info and to register, call Jane Oldfield-Spearman, MSW at 772-2981.

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

RECEIVING THE SPIRIT OF LIFE Charismatic Retreat with Fr. Jurgen Lias 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

MARCH FOR LIFE NH Pilgrimage. Love will end abortion. Join the diocesan pilgrimage to Washington, DC, **Thurs Jan 23 - Sat Jan 25, 2020**. Questions: contact Derek McDonald, Director of Family Life Ministries & Respect Life, at dmcDonald@rcbm.org or 603-663-0171



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.



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!

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.



Diocese of Manchester Safe Environment Announcements

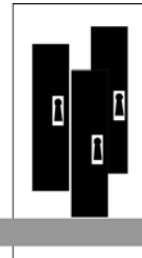
#24 Assistance for Victims of Abuse

The Office for Healing and Pastoral Care provides services and support, promotes healing, and supports the emotional and spiritual well-being of survivors of sexual abuse in the Church. The Office also seeks to be a source of comfort and support for anyone who is a survivor of sexual abuse in any walk of life. If you are a victim of abuse by someone representing the Catholic Church, we encourage you to contact the Director of the Office for Healing and Pastoral Care at jnaff@rcbm.org or (603) 663-0125.

For more resources to assist victims of abuse, visit

www.catholicnh.org/healing

Try to
come in
through the
narrow door



Because of You: Catholic Charities NH Summer Update

Through your support of Catholic Charities New Hampshire, you have brought hope, healing and compassion to **68,800** Granite State residents living amid despair and crisis this year. This includes helping 1,080 individuals move from poverty and a lack of basic life needs to stability and self-sufficiency; more than 400 homebound and disabled elderly avoid isolation and maintain their independence; and 242 individuals work to overcome grief, depression and significant mental health challenges. While we're proud of what we're able to achieve together, our work is far from done. Thanks to you, we will continue to respond to the needs of the poor and vulnerable, just as Jesus Christ calls us to do.

To learn more about the profound impact of your support and generosity, visit www.cc-nh.org/impact.



Miriam Dinner

Are you looking to follow the Lord and ready to say "yes" when he calls?



We would like to invite women in our diocese, ages 14-40, who are considering a vocation to the religious life or would simply like some help hearing the Lord's call for their life, to an evening of

- ◆ prayer,
- ◆ conversation with consecrated women,
- ◆ and dinner.

Come hear the story of Sister Agnes Therese Davis, TOR, a native of New Hampshire who has answered a call to religious life.

This evening will take place at the Joseph House (279 Cartier Street) in Manchester on **September 6, 2019** from 6-8pm.

Please RSVP to Becky Vinson at rvinson@rcbm.org or 663-0153.

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.

DIOCESAN AND CATHEDRAL CHORAL ENSEMBLES SEEK ADDITIONAL SINGERS



The Diocese of Manchester and the Cathedral of St. Joseph are currently seeking additional singers for all choral ensembles. If you like to sing, create beautiful music, deepen your soul in ways you have never imagined and like to have fun, give one of these choral ensembles a try!

Cathedral Choir: The Cathedral's "primary" choral ensemble, the Cathedral Choir is in session September through June and has rehearsals on Thursday nights, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The Cathedral Choir also sings weekly at the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Pontifical Mass.

Diocesan Festival Choir: The DFC supplements the Cathedral Choir at several diocesan liturgies over the course of the year. Rehearsals for the DFC are on Monday nights, 7:30 - 8:45 p.m.

Diocesan Children's Choir (St. Nicholas Schola Cantorum): This particular choral ensemble is open to children and young adults in grades 4 - 12 (public, private/parochial and homeschool students). Rehearsals are on Thursday afternoons from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the Cathedral's Bishop Bradley Hall (lower church hall). The Saint Nicholas Schola Cantorum often sings music in four part harmony and offers a wonderful and unique learning opportunity for children of all ages. The Saint Nicholas Schola Cantorum sings at a 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass once a month.

The Cathedral Music Department is also announcing the establishment of a **newly formed** choral ensemble: the **ST. ANTHONY SCHOLA**. This particular ensemble is diocesan-based and open to all men from around the diocese who like to sing. Repertoire will consist of Gregorian chant as well as choral music written or arranged specifically for TTBB voices.

The combined choral ensembles participate in a concert performance of Handel's *Messiah* with orchestra each year. This year, the performance will take place at the newly renovated Rex Theater on Amherst Street on Saturday 14 December. The choirs will also be producing a professional grade Christmas CD which will be recorded in the months ahead. 2019 promises to be an exciting time to engage, sing and make music!

For more information about the above ensembles, to obtain a choral calendar and to schedule an interview/audition, kindly contact Eric Bermani at ebermani@stjosephcathedralnh.org.

Notation: All rehearsals are held at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, 145 Lowell St (Corner of Pine and Lowell Streets) in Manchester, NH.



St. Andrew Dinners

St. Andrew was the first of the Apostles to hear Jesus' call to follow him.



We would like to invite men in our diocese who are considering a vocation to the priesthood or would simply like some help hearing the Lord's call for their life, to an evening of

- ◆ prayer,
- ◆ conversation with the Vocations Team,
- ◆ and dinner.

This evening will take place at the Joseph House (279 Cartier Street) in Manchester on from 6-8pm.

- ◆ Young Men (ages 13-18), **Fri, Oct 4**
- ◆ Men (ages 19-60), **Fri, Oct 18**

Please RSVP to Becky Vinson at rvinson@rcbm.org or 663-0153.