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A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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May 12, 2024 Seventh Sunday



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SUNDAY LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:15 am

WEEKDAY MASS

12:10pm Mass Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday & Thurs: 9-3pm,

Wednesday: 9-1pm;

Closed Friday

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Saturday, 4:00 - 4:30 pm or by appointment.

Baptism: Call office to register for class & date of celebration.

Marriage: Call office to schedule appointment at least six months prior.

Anointing of Sick: Call office anytime.

Inquiries & Reception in Catholic Faith (RCIA): Call Roberta ext. 115.

First Communion, First Reconciliation & Youth Confirmation:

Call Director of Faith Formation at ext. 110.

For parish registration call 603-868-2666 or visit stmduham.org.

May 12, 2024
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.*



Looking Back

Thursday past was Ascension Day. This feast marks the close of the post-Resurrection appearance and the exaltation of the Lord. It is one of the chief feasts of the Christian year, celebrated as early as the Fourth century.

What, then, does the Ascension mean for us? Chiefly the Ascension gives our human bodies eternal meaning and eternal value. In its transfigured form it is to be united with Christ

“I want those you have given me to be where I am.”

The Ascension means that Our Lord having risen from the tomb in this glorified body is now in heaven where we are destined to be with him. Again, the prayer of Jesus in his farewell discourse,

“Where I am you also shall be.”

*Blessings on your week,
Fr. Andrew*

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Reading II: 1 John 4:11-16
Gospel: John 17:11b-19

May 18th-19th; Pentecost Sunday

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
Gospel: John 20:19-23



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Saturday 5pm – † Rev. William Byron, S.J.
Sunday 9am – † Edward O'Brien
Sunday 11:15am – † Lorie Cryans Fields

May 18th-19th; Pentecost Sunday

Saturday 5pm – † Francis, Elaine, Pat & Mike McGurty
Sunday 9am – † Jud Porter
Sunday 11:15am – † May, Arthur, Paul Johnson



STM FAITH FORMATION

LIFE- Living In Faith Everyday

Registrations are now being accepted for all Faith Formation classes for the 2024-25 school year. Registration forms can be found in the magazine rack at the back of the church or online at:

<https://www.stmdurham.org/faith-formation/faith-formation-kindergarten-high-school>

If your child is need of sacraments or if you need more information, please call Ann McGurty at 603-868-2666 EXT 110 for further information.

Faith Formation Calendar will be provided in early September.



OFFERTORY UPDATE:

Average Weekly Regular Offertory Amount needed to meet our Annual Budget, **\$5,192.31**

Offertory for May 5th: \$4,941.00

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



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Manuel DeGuzman	Douglas Griffin
Ed Donnelly	Dot Meneghin
Barbara Farrington	Linda Miller
Peter Farrington	Cindy Racic
Susan Whitworth	

For all our homebound and residents of our local nursing homes and care facilities.



200 Club April Winners

If you are a 200 Club member, your winnings could bloom at our next drawing on May 26.

Make sure you have a number. Don't be left out.

There's enough time to become a new member or renew your membership.

As the 200 Club 'year' ends in January, all annual new or renewal subscriptions in May are \$155. Quarterly and semiannual subscription are available at \$50 or \$100 respectively.

Simply write a check made payable to **St. Thomas More Church**. Don't forget to **put 200 Club in the memo section**. Mail it, along with your contact information [address, phone, and email], to the parish office at

St Thomas More Parish, PO Box 620, Durham NH 03824

For additional member information contact Tom Dolan at tomdolan84@hotmail.com or 603-519-0369



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update – Our April Report

In April, we served 235 individuals from eight different towns. With items donated by Walmart and members of our parish, we were able to provide the patrons with two raffles this month as well.

If you can volunteer this month, contact Regina Smick-Attisano at rasamom3@comcast.net to explore how you can help.

This week, at the pantry, we have a need for:

- Dish liquid
- Toilet Paper
- Mushrooms



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING A MINISTER OF HOSPITALITY TO WELCOME PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY?

We are in need of Ushers & Greeters, for all Masses, especially on Sundays at 11:15am. If interested, please contact the office at 868-2666.



St. Thomas More goal is **\$31,105.00**

Help us reach our goal!

Thank you to all who have contributed. Feel free to take an envelope complete it and mail it directly to **NH Catholic Appeal**, drop it in the basket at the entrances of the Church or place it in the collection basket or go online at www.catholicnh.org/nhca

Our Parish number code is **41830**.

Our **STM Food Pantry and Campus Ministry** benefit from the NHCA contributions.

Thank you for your continual support.



CONGRATULATIONS

Kelly Murphy & Gilbert Lanoue
were Married on Saturday, May 4th.
Many blessings as you begin your life together.



STM SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

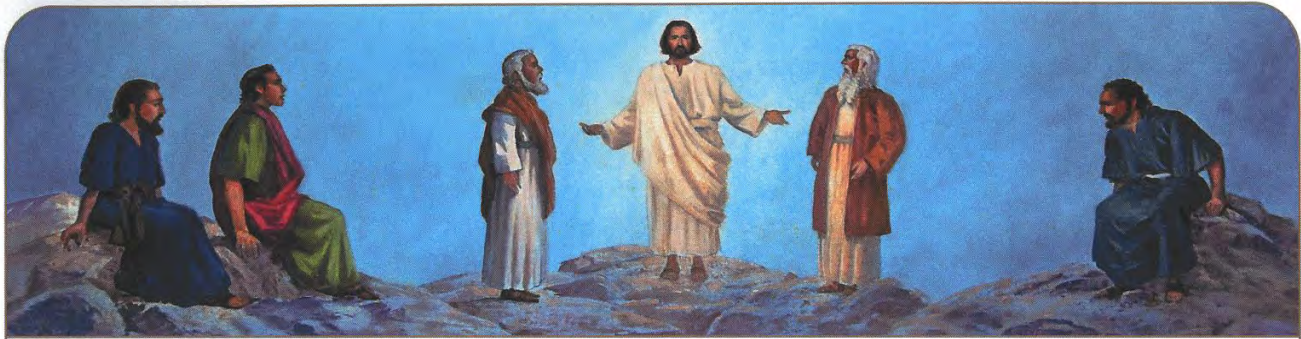
Many parishioners have asked, how can we help?

We will be purchasing 2 heat pumps for the Church. This will help with heating in the winter and some cooling; by circulating the air during those hot sticky summer days. The estimated cost for the heat pumps and electrical work will roughly be \$20,000.00.

If you would like to contribute, please call the office at 603-868-2666.



"As You sent Me into the world, I have sent them." If you think the Lord may be inviting you to carry on His mission as a priest or religious brother or sister, talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Matt Mason, the Vocations Director at mmason@rcbm.org.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, May 13 Do Not Despair

As we begin this last week of Easter, allow Jesus' words in today's Gospel to echo in your heart: "In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world." It is easy to say not to be afraid, but that is part of human nature. If we truly trust in God, however, fear should not paralyze us. God is with us. Pray for the spirit to illuminate your heart and fill you with courage in your faith journey. *Today's readings: Acts 19:1-8; Psalm 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; John 16:29-33.*

Tuesday, May 14 Continuing the Ministry

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends," Jesus tells his disciples in today's Gospel. The depth of God's love that is revealed in Jesus' suffering and death is a model for the love that Christ's followers should exhibit. Examine your sensitivity to the needs of others. Are you willing to reach out, or have you noticed that you are less sensitive to another's suffering? As we become bearers of the message of Christ, may we be living testimony for the world. *Today's readings: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Psalm 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; John 15:9-17.*

Wednesday, May 15 Beware of the Wolves

As Paul prepares the Church at Ephesus for his leaving, he warns the presbyters that wolves will come "to draw the disciples away." This concern that we hear in today's reading from Acts continues today. Wolves can come in the form of false messiahs or as distractions. Consider the attention that you give to obtaining the latest gadgets or fashionable apparel. Who or what distracts you from the life God has called you to? Pray to God to keep distractions from disturbing your focus. *Today's readings: Acts 20:28-38; Psalm 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; John 17:11b-19.*

Thursday, May 16 Go to Rome

Jesus had shown the disciples that there would be consequences to following him. In Acts today, we read that Paul, who had persecuted Christians before his conversion, is being persecuted for his testimony. The imprisoned Paul does not protest when the Lord tells the disciple that he will continue to bear witness in Rome. Spreading the Gospel sometimes requires leaving our comfort zones. God might call us to unexpected people and places. *Today's readings: Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Psalm 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; John 17:20-26.*

Friday, May 17 Do You Love Me?

Simon Peter is all of us. How many times have you sinned or walked away from God and returned truly sorry? In the hours before Jesus was crucified, Peter denied our Lord three times. Still, Jesus sought out Peter to ask, "Do you love me?" and to give him the responsibility to "feed my sheep." Can you imagine if Jesus asked if you love him? Do you understand that your baptism gives you a responsibility to spread his Word? Jesus forgives our sins and entrusts us with his mission. *Today's readings: Acts 25:13b-21; Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; John 21:15-19.*

Saturday, May 18 Keep Your Focus

The disciples were people like you and me with faults and gifts. They could become distracted from their vocation and inquire about what the future holds for another. When Peter asked about the disciple whom Jesus loved, our Lord replied, "What concern is it of yours? You follow me." In our parish communities, people can be distracted by what is not their concern. Take care to be attentive to your role and vocation. *Today's readings: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Psalm 11:4, 5, 7; John 21:20-25.*



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KEEPING THE SEASONS
LENT AND EASTER 2024

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Remain in Me

Loving God,
who rule over all
grant that my gaze remain on you,
and that the world not distract me.
When I stray from you,
may I recognize your love and return.

May your Spirit enlighten me
so that I do not falter in the mission
that you have set for me in the world.
With a steadfast faith,
May I seek to do your work.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, May 12, 2024
Not of the World but of God



Today's readings: Acts 1:15–17, 20a, 20c–26; Psalm 103:1–2, 11–12, 19–20 (19a); 1 John 4:11–16; John 17:11b–19. Just before his arrest, Jesus prayed that the Father would look after his disciples, for they would take on his work. Addressing the Father, he said, “Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world.”

Jesus sent his disciples to spread his message and bring more people to the Father. More than two thousand years later, Christians today continue the work of missionary disciples. The faithful have been sent into the world to be the living testimony of the love of God. Though sent into the world, we must remember that we do not belong to the

world. At baptism, God claimed us as his children, incorporated us into Christ, and freed us from the power of sin. God's love has made it possible for us to look forward to eternal life. With Christ, we pray that we stay focused on the truth and are protected from the evil one.

The reading from the First Letter of John helps us understand that we make God known by loving one another. “No one has ever seen God,” John writes. “Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us and his love is brought to perfection in us.” Just as Jesus prepared disciples to go into the world, we prepare others through the love that we show. That love allows those we encounter to see a reflection of Jesus, which may lead to a conversion of heart.

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