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May 19, 2024 Pentecost Sunday



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SUNDAY LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:15 am

WEEKDAY MASS

10am Monday-Funeral Mass

12:10pm Mass 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 19, 2024
Pentecost Sunday

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.*

Pentecost
(Shavuot)



When the day of
Pentecost came,
they were
all together in

Lord, send the Holy Spirit of Pentecost into our hearts to keep us always in your love.

"Pentecost", meaning "fiftieth day", was the name given in the Jewish calendar for the fiftieth day after Passover. For the Christians, it is celebrated fifty days after Easter and commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit and the beginning of the Church.

Pentecost (Shavuot) celebrates for both religions communities the founding of the People of God. For Jews it recalls the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai, and for Christians the descent of the Holy Spirit among the apostles and their sending forth on mission.

Today we would do well to reflect on these special words of Jesus: "Receive the Holy Spirit". These words are addressed to the whole company of believers. The Spirit empowers us to forgive those who have offended us. This is not an impossible mission. In fact, to forgive another is a very practical exercise in opening oneself to the Spirit.

Have a Blessed Pentecost!
Fr. Andrew

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



May 25th-26th; The Most Holy Trinity

Reading I: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40
Reading II: Romans 8:14-17
Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20



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

May 25th-26th; The Most Holy Trinity

Saturday 5pm – † Gaius Monteyro
Sunday 9am – † Bob & June Russell
Sunday 11:15am – † Lorie Cryans Fields





"I am the Resurrection and the life"



We pray for the repose of the soul of
Marv Stumhofer (long-time parishioner)
Funeral will be here at STM on **Monday, May 20, 2024 at 10am.**
and

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Douglas Griffin**, father of Felicia Sperry, who passed away last Wednesday, May 8th.

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.



PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS
(Tuesday after Memorial day—Labor day)
Begin Tuesday, May 28th
Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays **9-1pm**
Closed Wednesdays & Fridays.



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 for further information.

Faith Formation Calendar will be provided in early September.



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



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.



OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for May 12th: **\$5,599.80**

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



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Bernie Casey

Manuel DeGuzman

Ed Donnelly

Barbara Farrington

Peter Farrington

Dot Meneghin

Cindy Racic

Susan Whitworth

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



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

We were fortunate to receive over 800 pounds of non-perishable food from the US Postal Service Food Drive on May 11. Thank you to the twelve volunteers from our parish and St. George's Episcopal Church who helped weigh, sort and put away the donations.

If you can volunteer this month, contact Regina Smick-Attisano at rasamom3@comcast.net to explore how we can match your time and talent to our service opportunities.

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

- Disinfectant wipes
- Brownie mixes
- Relish



St. Thomas More goal is **\$31,105.00**
As of May 6th, we have raised **\$6,530.00**

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.

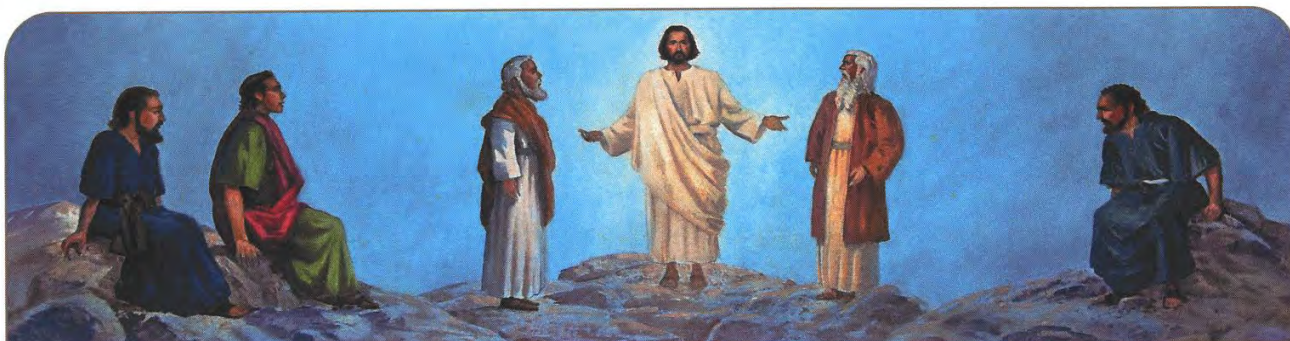
Thank you for your continual support.



Congratulations to all our high school and college graduates. Many blessings on your new endeavors.



"Receive the Holy Spirit." Is the Holy Spirit preparing you to share the Lord's 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 AND BEYOND

Monday, May 20

Mary, Mother of the Church

When Pope Francis decreed that the Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church, would be celebrated on the day after Pentecost, he reflected on the tradition of honoring Mary as both Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church. He also wrote of the opportunity for the memorial to draw the faithful to expand their perspective of the Church. The memorial, the decree states, “might encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the Church in the pastors, religious and faithful, as well as a growth of genuine Marian piety.” How would acquiring a maternal sense of the Church influence the ministry of those who are ordained? How would it influence the laity? *Today’s readings: Acts 1:12–14; Psalm 87:1–2, 3, 5, 6–7; John 19:25–34.*

Friday, May 31

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin

Today, we remember two miracles. The first is Mary, pregnant by the power of the Holy Spirit, and her older cousin Elizabeth, also pregnant in her old age. These women, and the sons carried in their wombs, had a mission to fulfill. Faith led Mary and Elizabeth to accept their mission. We, too, have a mission and purpose. As the month of Mary concludes, ask for Mary’s intercession to help you be true to your mission. *Today’s readings: Zephaniah 3:14–18a; Isaiah 12:2–3, 4bcd, 5–6; Luke 1:39–56.*

Thursday, June 13

Memorial of St. Anthony of Padua

St. Anthony of Padua brought many hearts to God through his gift of evangelizing and knowledge of Scripture. He took seriously the words from Isaiah, “the spirit of the Lord God is upon me / because the Lord has anointed me. / He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, / to heal the broken-hearted.” At our baptism, we too were anointed and entrusted

with converting hearts and announcing the Good News. *Today’s readings: Isaiah 61:1–3d; Psalm 89:2–3, 4–5, 21–22, 25 and 27; Luke 10:1–9.*

Monday, June 24

Nativity of St. John the Baptist

John allowed the Spirit to act through him. From his mother’s womb, he recognized the presence of the Lord. As John prepared the way for the messiah, he minimized himself to allow people to see Jesus. How do you prepare the way of the Lord? Do you seek attention or are you able to minimize yourself to allow the Spirit to work through you? *Today’s readings: Isaiah 49:1–6; Psalm 139:1b–3, 13–14ab, 14c–15; Acts 13:22–26; Luke 1:57–66, 80.*

Saturday, June 29

Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul

Today we remember the lives of St. Peter and St. Paul. These apostles and martyrs are examples of obedience and resilience; they persevered in evangelization even when their lives were in jeopardy. Pray for Pope Francis and all who continue to spread the Good News, regardless of the challenges they face. *Today’s readings: Acts 3:1–10; Psalm 19:2–3, 4–5; Galatians 1:11–20; John 21:15–19.*

Wednesday, August 28

Memorial of St. Augustine

On the Memorial of St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, we might consider how open we are to continue our conversion and live as God calls us. After many years of a worldly life, Augustine was baptized when he was nearly thirty-three years old. In *The Confessions of St. Augustine*, he wrote of his conversion, “I have loved you too late. You were with me, but I was not with you.” Pray to St. Augustine to help you notice the presence of God and to grow in faith. *Today’s readings: 1 John 4:7–16; Psalm 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; Matthew 23:8–12.*



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KEEPING THE SEASONS
LENT AND EASTER 2024

PENTECOST



The Fire Within

Lord God,
bestow upon your Church
the Holy Spirit.
Just as your Spirit
arrived with a driving force
on that first Pentecost,

may your faithful
be energized and renewed
so that with intense faith,
they might spread your fiery love.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, May 19, 2024
The Lord, the Giver of Life



Today's readings: Acts 2:1–11; Psalm 104:1, 24, 29–30, 31, 34; Galatians 5:16–25 or 1 Corinthians 12:3b–7, 12–13; John:19–23 or John 15:26–27, 16:12–15. Today we rejoice in the sending of the Holy Spirit to the world. As proclaimed in the Gospel of John, Jesus had promised to send “the Advocate . . . the Spirit of truth.” When the Spirit arrived, Acts records, it was with a driving wind that filled the house where the disciples were and appeared as tongues of fire.

From that house, the disciples went into Jerusalem fearless as they preached the Gospel in numerous languages they had never before spoken. In the years that followed the descent of the Holy Spirit, the disciples were persecuted, arrested, and stoned. Still, they kept their hearts focused on bringing Christ to others.

Christians receive the Holy Spirit during the sacrament of baptism, as the celebrant prays that God bestows “new life” by “water and the Holy Spirit.” The Spirit will assist the baptized throughout life to fulfill their responsibility as “members of Christ, Priest, Prophet and King,” as the presider says in the anointing after baptism.

In your prayer life, be attentive to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and you, too, could be fearless in witnessing to the light of Christ in your life. As we recite in the Nicene Creed, the Holy Spirit is “the Lord, the giver of life.” When you open yourself to the Spirit, your life can be transformed. And just as the transformation of the disciples changed lives, so will your transformation.

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