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June 1, 2025 Seventh Sunday of Easter



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#### **SUNDAY LITURGIES**

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm Sunday: 9:00 am; 11:15 am

#### **WEEKDAY MASS**

12:10 Mass on Tuesday

12:10pm Mass on Monday Tuesday and Wednesday

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Mon, Tues, Thurs: 9-1pm & Closed Wednesday & 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 (OCIA): Call Roberta ext. 115.

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Call Director of Faith Formation at ext. 110.

For Parish Registration call 603-868-2666 or visit stmdurham.org.

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# **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.

## Time



Time is a gift, and it is up to us not to abuse it. We live in time as we do in space, air and light. It is central to our being and, as such, needs to be befriended.

Ask yourself some "timely" questions:

- 1. Am I devoting enough time to my high priorities? If not, how can I do so?
- 2. Am I spending too much time on my low priorities? If so, how can I reduce this?
- 3. Is there something I'm not doing that I really should be doing? How can I fit it in?
- 4. What things are wasting my time? How can I minimize them?
- 5. Am I trying to do too much myself? What activities can I safely delegate?
- 6. Do I waste other people's time? How can I behave differently?
- 7. How often do I take time off to pray, to relax, or just have time for myself?

Fr. John Powell, S. J., has written: "Every day we should do something that will expand us: we should win little victories over our fears that will widen our world and our lives." Whatever our reasons for wanting to manage time properly, it helps greatly if we reflect on the questions listed above. List what needs doing and give priority to the essentials.

Blessings & Peace, Fr. Andrew

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#### **MASSES & OFFICE HOURS**

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Saturday 5pm Sunday 9am, 11:15am

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12:10pm Mass on Monday, Tuesday Wednesday

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#### May 31st-June 1st; Seventh Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 7:55-60 Reading II: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

Gospel: John 17:20-26

#### June 7th-8th; Pentecost Sunday

Reading I: Acts 2:1-11

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23



#### May 31st-June 1st; Seventh Sunday of Easter

Saturday 5pm –  $\,\,$  Paul Cardarople

Sunday 9am – 

† Nora Kenndy

Sunday 11:15am— Gaius Monteyro (40th Birthday)

#### June 7th-8th; Pentecost Sunday

Saturday 5pm – Rev Andrew Cryans

(50th Ordination Anniversary)

Sunday 9am − ‡ Ron Cole

Sunday 11:15am− <sup>‡</sup> John & Lucille McGinn







#### **IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE!**

Our St. Thomas More community will celebrate Fr. Andrew and Fr. John's 50th Golden Jubilee

#### Sunday June 29th

with a **cookout** after the 11:15 am Mass (if it rains, we'll be in the gym).

We are looking for volunteers to bring side dishes/desserts. We also need help with cooking, set-up and clean-up.

There are sign-ups at the entrance of the church beginning next Week.



#### PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

(Tuesday after Memorial day—Labor day)
Begin Tuesday, May 27th Thru Sept 1st
Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays <u>9-1pm</u>.
Closed Wednesdays & Fridays.



The *Eucharistic Pilgrimage* will be stopping here at St.
Thomas More Church on Saturday, June 7th from 7:10am-8:10am with a procession around the block.

All are welcome to attend!

Anyone who is present to any part of the pilgrimage (even adoring our Lord as He passes by) can obtain the 2025 **Jubilee Year of Hope plenary indulgence and apostolic blessing** according to Bishop Libasci's decree and the norms for receiving plenary indulgences.





St. Thomas More goal is \$31,101.00 We have raised \$7,640.00

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 2025 NH Catholic Appeal; drop it in the basket at the entrances of the Church; place it in the collection

basket; or go online at www.catholicnh.org/nhca





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

Thank you for your continual support.



We would like to welcome

<u>Qiling Honora Zhang</u> into our

Parish Family, May, 25th. She is the daughter of James and Sophie Zhang.

God's Blessing upon her and her family.



#### "I am the Resurrection and the life"

We pray for the repose of the soul of



#### **Geoffrey Fitzgerald**

Funeral will be here at STM on Saturday, June 7, 2025 at 11am.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ed Donnelly Barbara Farrington Peter Farrington Dot Meneghin

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



#### St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update-WANTED

Immediate need for volunteers to pick up donated food from Hannaford on Grapevine Drive in Dover on Wednesday mornings and bring it back to the church.

A vehicle with seats that fold down is especially helpful. You will be joining our Wednesday team.

As the summer approaches, if you have some unstructured time, contact Regina Smick-Attisano at rasamom3@comcast.net to explore how we can match your time and talent to our service opportunities especially as our dedicated volunteers will be taking some time away.

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

- Bodywash
- Deodorant
- Cookie mixes



#### 200 Club Winners

May 25th brought beautiful weather to all and

200 Club winnings to the following...

Nikki & Ally Brown Peggy Dolan Rhonda Hodson



Congratulations to May's winners.

There's plenty of time to become a new member or renew your membership before the June 29th drawing.

Both enrollment and renewal are easy. As the 200 Club 'year' ends in January, all annual new or renewal subscriptions in June are \$140

Quarterly and Semi annual subscriptions are available at \$50 and \$100 respectively.

Simply write a check made payable to St. Thomas More Church. Don't forget to also 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



# THIS WEEK AT HOME

# Monday, June 2

#### Sts. Marcellinus and Peter

Though little is known about Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, they were important enough to be included in one of our Eucharistic Prayers. Marcellinus and Peter were a priest and an exorcist, respectively, in the fourth century. Both were beheaded in 304. Today, their service to the Church is celebrated: those whose blood is shed in the name of their faith are joined closely to Christ and, thus, to us. Say a prayer in gratitude for the long tradition to which saints such as Marcellinus and Peter have dedicated themselves. Today's readings: Acts 19:1-8; Psalm 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; John 16:29-33.

# Tuesday, June 3

# St. Charles Lwanga and Companions

In various parts of Africa, St. Charles Lwanga is well known as the patron of youth and Catholic action. Charles and twenty-one other young Ugandans were burned to death for refusing to participate in immoral acts in 1886. The virtue of courage is exemplified in these martyrs. How can you courageously say yes to your faith in times of temptation? Today's readings: Acts 20:17-27; Psalm 68:10-11, 20-21; John 17:1-11a.

# Wednesday, June 4

# Tend the Church of God

Today we hear St. Paul address the presbyters. He is instructing them on the difficulties found in the community at Ephesus and surrounding areas. He warns them to guard the community against false prophets that are sure to emerge once he departs. He concludes his remarks by citing Jesus, who said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." How are you giving to the Church? What is a way you can "tend the Church of God"? Today's readings: Acts 20:28-38; Psalm 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; John 17:11b-19.

# Thursday, June 5

#### St. Boniface

St. Boniface was an English Benedictine monk. He dedicated himself to the conversion of Germanic tribes. To reform the German Church, Boniface was guided by two principles: restoring the obedience of wayward clergy and establishing Benedictine monasteries (houses of prayer). He was massacred with more than fifty others while preparing converts for confirmation. Today's readings: Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Psalm 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; John 17:20-26.

## Friday, June 6

#### St. Norbert

St. Norbert founded the Premonstratensians, or the Norbertines, (a religious order) in twelfth-century France. They were tasked with combating heresies, revitalizing the faithful, and aiding in reconciliation efforts among enemies. St. Norbert knew that none of that important work could be done without God and found much strength in his devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. If Eucharistic adoration is available in your area, schedule time to pray before the sacrament. If it is not available, spend time in silence praying near a tabernacle. Ask Jesus to strengthen your faith. Today's readings: Acts 25:13b-21; Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; John 21:15-19.

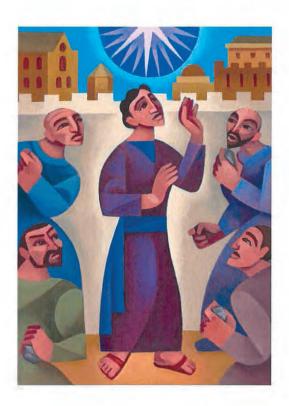
# Saturday, June 7

# Gazing on the Lord's Face

Joining the psalmist, we sing, "The just will gaze on your face, O Lord." What is a just deed to which you can commit yourself as the end of the Easter season nears? How have you gazed on the Lord's face? Regardless of whether you consider yourself artistic, consider drawing or painting the face of the Lord that you are gazing upon. Challenge yourself to think creatively. Allow the Lord to speak to you through this time spent creating. Today's readings: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Psalm 11:4, 5 and 7; John 21:20-25.



# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



# **Bright Morning Star**

Loving God,
you have given us the bright
Morning Star.
You loved us
before the creation of the world.
Amidst opposition,
grant us courage
to proclaim your resurrection,
telling of the Star who Guides us
and of the eternal life that
awaits believers.
We ask this through your Son,
the Alpha and the Omega,
the first and the last,
the beginning and the end. Amen.

# Sunday, June 1, 2025

Come, Lord Jesus!

Today's readings: Acts 7:55-60; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; John 17:20-26. Jesus is "the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." One way you can continue to prepare for the coming of Christ is by focusing yourself on Jesus. Consider beginning and ending your days in prayer: before getting ready for your day, pray with that day's Scripture readings; end your day with returning to the same Scripture passages. Before getting out of your bed in the morning, tell Christ three things for which you are grateful; before going to sleep, look back on your day and thank God for the ways God was present to you. Before starting your day, pray an Our Father and ask God to guide you; before wrapping up your day, pray the

Glory Be to recognize God's great glory made present throughout your day.

Proclaiming the truth about life after death can often bring opposition. Acts 7 portrays Stephen's proclamation of the Good News and his subsequent martyrdom. Those present to hear him are infuriated and they "ground their teeth at him" (verse 54). They cover their ears and stone him. Today, as we near the end of the Easter season, consider how you will passionately and fearlessly live into the resurrection long after this season. We thirst for the gift of life-giving water; take the steps to accept this gift. Indeed, Jesus is coming; indeed, we ask that the grace of the Lord Jesus be with us all.



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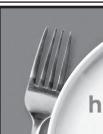
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