

September 1, 2019
Twenty Second 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.*



Come September



September means different things to different people. For some it is the death of summer, summer's swan song, in the mythical belief that swans sing sweetly just before dying. For others, it marks the advent of autumn, a season of mists and mellow fruitfulness. In the world of academe, the fall semester has begun. The time has come to get back to work. Welcome, September.

September is a time of new beginnings, comings and goings, exits and entrances, warm welcomes and fond farewells; whatever September means to you, it is for me a great season to walk.

For most Americans, Labor Day is just the name of the weekend that concludes summer. No one has yet thought of a way to turn Labor Day into a time to buy gifts or send cards. There are no family customs built around this day. So as we mark a seasonal passage, I wish each of you a time of new beginnings and maybe a time for letting go.

Shalom,
Father Andrew

Office closed

Monday, Sept 2
for Labor Day



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

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

Offertory for August 25: \$ 3,645
NH Missionaries & Refugees: \$ 1,379

"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: Tues & Thurs 9am - 3pm;
Weds 9am - 1pm; closed Mon (Labor Day) & Fri**

Weekday Services:

12:10pm Mass: Tues & Wed

Food Pantry: Thursday 4pm - 6pm

September 8: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Wisdom 9:13-18b

Reading II: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33



For August 30th – September 1st

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

Sunday, 9am – † Tom Tatarczuch

Sunday, 11:15am – † Edward Sweeney

For September 7th – September 8th

Saturday, 5pm – † Alexander Lisy (20th Anniv)

Sunday, 9am – † Anne Knowles

Sunday, 11:15am – † Joseph Lelio

Second Collections...

Thank you for your support of the NH Missionaries and Ministries to Migrants and Refugees **last weekend.**

This weekend is the Catholic University & US Conference of Catholic Bishops collection, assessed for \$1,669.

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!



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)

Registration forms are in the rack at the back of the church and on our website (stmdurham.org).

Early Bulletin Deadline

Articles for the **Sept 21/22 bulletin** must be in by **Wednesday, Sept 11.**



Thank you!

CARING & SHARING



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

Thank you!!

The **Yarn Crew** will resume monthly meetings on

Monday, Sept 9th at 10:00 am
in the church basement.

All are welcome. Hope to see you there!
- Pam Bapp, Coordinator



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



"COME AND SEE!!!"

Tuesday Sept 24 at 7pm
in the Student Center Library

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 x115

Community News

DIOCESAN AND CATHEDRAL CHORAL ENSEMBLES SEEK ADDITIONAL SINGERS Visit www.catholicnh.org/worship-and-sacraments/faith/worship/music/, email ebermani@stjosephcathedralnh.org (Eric Bermani), or see the Aug 25, 2019 St. Thomas More bulletin (available at stmdurham.org) for more information.

HOLY MASS OF HEALING AND HOPE at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Rochester on **Sept 10**. Rosary 6:30, Mass 7pm. For more info, call Jackie Morganti at 332-3576

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER We are called to be humble of heart. Learn how to love each other with humility by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are **Sept 14-15** in Medway, MA and **Oct 18-20** in Laconia, NH. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY OPEN HOUSE at Corpus Christi Parish Center, Portsmouth on **Sun Sept 15** 1-3pm. *Opening Your Heart: A Starting Point*. Classes begin **Weds 10/2** 9-10:45 & **Thurs 10/3** 6-7:45pm. RSVP to Nancy at corpuschristiwwp@gmail.com. Visit <https://corpuschristinh.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 Offered by Rockingham VNA & Hospice. 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

Church of St. Thomas More

Come join us for an afternoon of :

- ◆ FOOD
- ◆ FRIENDS
- ◆ GAMES
- ◆ FUN



Who: EVERYONE in the Parish

Where: Church of St. Thomas More

When: 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Sign-up: to bring your favorite side dish, salad, dessert. Tell us how many are coming. STM will provide hot dogs, burgers and drinks

Blessing of the Mary Grotto in back!!



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.

Prosper
the
Work
of our
Hands,
Lord!

*Blessed & restful
Labor Day everyone!*

And here are the August **200 Club** winners!!

Congratulations to:

Paul Boucher, Tiziana Munene, Jeannette Lassonde

Don't forget to pick up a membership/renewal envelope so you too can have your chance to be a monthly winner at the next drawing on September 29th.

It's \$200 for an annual or \$100 for a semi-annual membership. Additional information is available online at stmduham.org or on the Church Facebook page.

Renewing members may contact Tom Dolan at 603-659-7162 or tomdolan84@hotmail.com if you are unsure of your renewal date.

2019 Religious Jubilee Celebration

Saturday, September 7, 2019
4:00 p.m.

Saint Joseph Cathedral, Manchester

The Most Reverend Peter Libasci
Celebrant

A dinner will follow immediately
in the Cathedral Parish Hall.

Please **RSVP** to rvinson@rcbm.org, or
603-663-0153, if you would like to dine with
the Jubilareans after Mass.

The Cathedral church and parish hall are both handicapped
accessible through the Seneca Lane entrance

UNH Campus Ministry

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Welcome to St. Thomas More Parish!

For all new students, welcome! And for all returning students welcome back! UNH and St. Thomas More have been a home to me since I was a student here, and I hope it will be one for you too!

The college years are a perfect chance to explore both who you are and what you want to do with your life! As Christians, we also seek to find where God fits into that mix! Campus Ministry is a great place to seek answers to those questions in a safe environment with a community of peers who are likely wondering the same things as you!

Our Catholic community here at STM and UNH, is centered upon prayer, community, learning and service! Grab a calendar for complete dates and information on upcoming events and schedules! Please introduce yourself; I would be delighted to meet you.



Peace and Welcome!

Ryan Cornelissen
Campus Minister
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(603)868-2666 x113

Seeking Help for Student Liturgy!



- ◆ Have experience as an Altar Server or Eucharistic Minister?
- ◆ Love reading and want to give back- become a lector!
- ◆ Are you an established or aspiring musician?

WE NEED YOU

Musicians (pianists and/or guitarists in particular), **Lectors**, **Altar Servers**, **Ushers** and **Eucharistic Ministers** are all needed for the coming year. Each is a unique, life-giving opportunity to serve in your community! Experience is appreciated, but not required!

Contact Ryan Cornelissen for more details (see above)!



First Student Mass

Sunday September 8th at 5:00 PM!

Followed by our opening BBQ at
6:00 PM!

Weekly Events!

SUNDAY– FIRST STUDENT MASS 9/8

5 PM- Student Mass
St Thomas More Church

6 PM– Student Supper
St Thomas More Student Center

TUESDAY– Start Date TBD

1 PM– Community Lunch
Holloway Commons Dining Hall
2nd Floor– Look for Our Table!

WEDNESDAY–

7:15 PM– Catholic Student Org (CSO)
MUB 332

Monthly Events!

SERVICE: **CROSS ROADS HOUSE**–

On the second Tuesday of each month, we will cook and serve dinner to the community at Cross Roads House in Portsmouth. Our first date will be 10/08. You can find more info about Cross Roads House at www.crossroadshouse.org!

SOCIAL: **VARIOUS** TBD–