September 4, 2016

Twenty-third Sunday in O.T.

STM MISSION STATEMENT
We, the Catholic Community of Saint Thomas More, called by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit, commit ourselves to the mission of Jesus Christ which has been entrusted to us:

to worship as one Body; to proclaim the Gospel in word and action; to build a just community without boundaries; and to stand with the poor in solidarity.

September is the month our parishioners return to Saint Thomas More from their summer peregrinations, like swallows to Capistrano.

May we reconstitute our parish family by praying:

O God, our heavenly Father, make the door of Saint Thomas More’s wide enough to receive all who need human love, community and a Father’s care.

And narrow enough to shut out envy, pride, negativity and uncharitable-ness.

Here may the surviving receive comfort; here may the careless be awakened to repentance and the penitent be assured of your mercy.

And here may all your children renew their strength in you and go on their way rejoicing.

Welcome home!

Fr. Andrew

Second collection this weekend...
...for Catholic University and the US Conference of Catholic bishops.

Sept 11: 24th Sunday in O. T.
Reading I: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
Reading II: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

CHURCH OF SAINT THOMAS MORE
A Community of Parish & University Ministry
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Office hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs: 9am–3pm
Wed: 9am–1pm, Closed Friday
(Located in the Student Center next to the church)

Weekday Masses: Tues, Wed at 12:10pm
in the student center library (next to the church).
No Mass/Communion Service Monday (Labor Day)

Food Pantry: open Thursday 4-6pm

NOTE: NO Food Pantry Sept 8

Mass Intentions

For September 3rd - 4th
Saturday, 5pm – Joseph Beland (1st Anniv)
Sunday, 9am – Dr. Arthur DiMambro

For September 10th - 11th
Saturday, 5pm – Patrick McGurty
Sunday, 9am – Andrew W. Cryans, Sr
Sunday, 11:15am – Connor Jacobsen

Office closed/no services
Monday, September 5
in observance of Labor Day

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:
Offertory for August 28: $ 3496

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

Please note:

No Food Pantry on Sept 8
 Grades PreK-5 Faith Formation
Registrations are being accepted for this year’s Faith Formation program (Grades PreK-5). Forms can be found online (www.stmdurham.org - click on “Faith Formation” at the top, then “2016-17 Registration” in the “PREK-GRADE 5” box on the right) or in the back of the church on the magazine rack. Return them with your check to the office (office hours: Mon-closed Labor Day, Tues, Thurs 9am - 3pm, Wed 9am – 1pm; or PO 620, Durham, NH 03824) or in the collection box.
Please register before classes start on Sunday, Sept 25.
There is a meeting for catechists and aids on Saturday, Sept 17 from 9-11am in the parish hall.

 Middle School Faith Formation
The Middle School Faith Formation Registration form for our 2016-2017 sessions is available on the STM website. Our new parent information meeting will be held on Monday, September 26th at 6:30 PM. Our first night for our 6, 7 and 8th graders will be held on October 3rd. Looking forward to seeing everyone again!

 HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY
Registration: Forms on website (stmdurham.org - under Faith Formation in the “High School Youth” box on the bottom right) & in the office. Return with your check to the office (office hours: Mon-closed Labor Day, Tues, Thurs 9am - 3pm, Wed 9am – 1pm; or PO 620, Durham, NH 03824) or in the collection box.
Parent/teen orientation: Mon, Sept 19 7:30pm
BBQ / Minute to Win It: Sun, Sept 25 6-8:30pm (meal)
Lifeteen: Oct 16 6-8:30pm (no meal)
DTS: Oct 23 6-8pm (meal)
Welcome back! We’re looking forward to journeying in faith with you this year.

 CARING & SHARING
Thanks to all who have donated food to the St. Thomas More Food Pantry. Your generosity helped provide food for over 53,000 meals in 2015!
This week, the following items are especially needed: chili, stuffing, gravy, hamburger helper, coffee, tea
Thank you very much for your kind and compassionate support.

 Mother Teresa
now Blessed Teresa, will be declared a saint by Pope Francis at the Vatican on Sunday, Sept. 4, 2016.
To learn more about her, visit http://info.americancatholic.org/mother-teresa

 RCIA Come and See
Are you or anyone you know interested in joining the Catholic Church or learning more about our faith?
“Come and See” on Tuesday, Sept 27 at 7pm in the Student Center library.
Contact Roberta MacBride for more info stmpastoralmin@comcast.net 868-2666 x115

 A TIME TO SING ~ and ~ A TIME TO REST
Masses this weekend
Our VOLUNTEER music ministers are a wonderful blessing to our parish as they lead us in music, song and celebration every weekend and special liturgies throughout the year. We are very grateful for their faithful and generous service. We look forward to lifting our hearts and spirits in song together as we gather next weekend.

 Labor Day weekend
Saturday 5pm & Sunday 9am Masses will not have scheduled music.
The 11:15am Mass will have music.
If you would like to join our choirs and/or offer your musical gifts as a singer, guitar player, keyboardist, or other instrument(s), please contact Roberta at stmpastoralmin@comcast.net or 868-2666 x115.
USCCB (US Conference of Catholic Bishops) declares September 9 a Day of Prayer for Peace.

Visit:
https://togoforth.org/2016/08/18/5-ways-you-can-cultivate-peace-and-work-for-racial-justice/ -- for ways to celebrate the Day of Prayer for Peace on September 9

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Active Retirement Association
“Expand Your World!” General meeting on Monday Sept 12 at 1:30 at the Durham Evangelical Church, 114 Dover Road (Rt 108). Free & open to the public. For more info, visit www.unh.edu/ara or contact Carol Caldwell at 343-1004 or info@ara-nh.org.

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20th Annual St. Charles Children’s Home 5K Road Race

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St. Patrick School in Portsmouth is seeking coaches for Middle School (MS) Soccer & Cross Country (XC), and Elementary Soccer teams. MS Soccer is 4 afternoons/week, and Elementary Soccer is 2 afternoons/week. XC is 2 afternoons/week. Season goes from early Sept to October. Contact school Director Of Athletics Rick Bean at 312-1111 or Rick@RickBean.com

ST. PIUS X FAIR in Manchester, Sept 9 – 11 Buy raffle tickets for $100 at parish ofc. $5000, $1000 & $500 prizes. Chicken Dinner: Sat. Sept. 10, 5-7pm; Tickets: $10/Adult, $8/Child under 10 , children 5 & under free. Penny Sale & Food Tent!

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Looking for Catholic election advice??
Check out “Voting for the Common Good” at catholicnh.org/vote

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Final 2016 yard sale appeal

- YOU can still help!
Volunteers and donated items needed, including Durham dump bulky waste coupons.
Durham residents can purchase a bulky waste coupon at the Public Works office at 100 Stone Quarry Road for $10. 8am – 4:30pm Mon–Fri, closed for lunch. Call them at 868-5578 with questions.

- Visit our webpage for more info STMdurham.org, click on the yard sale tab

- Reminder:
NO DROP OFFS on Friday, September 9th

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The Fellowship Committee is hosting an

Ice Cream Social
after the 5pm Mass on Saturday, September 17.
All parishioners are welcome.
There is a sign-up sheet in church so we know how many people to plan for.
Dear Members of the St. Thomas More Community,

I am happy to announce I have accepted the position of Campus Minister to serve St. Thomas More and the University of New Hampshire. As a student at the University of New Hampshire, I served on the executive board of the Catholic Student Organization (CSO) for four years. During that time I helped plan retreats, organize meetings, and work closely with the St. Thomas More community to integrate students into our parish family.

I hope to continue forming relationships with students at the University of New Hampshire and parishioners. I look forward to helping students grow in their faith and walking with them on their faith journey.

Blessings,

Colleen O'Leary

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Welcome Back BBQ is Sunday, Sept 11th after the first 5pm Student Mass. It’s a great way to meet new friends and learn about the Catholic Student Organization (CSO) on campus.

Email Campus Minister Colleen O’Leary at stm_cso@comcast.net or sign up at University Day on Thompson Hall Lawn on Tuesday, Sept 13 from 3:30-6:30pm. Welcome!!

We need help with Yard Sale on Saturday, Sept 10!! Email Colleen if you are available to help sort items, etc. (It’s a great way to meet new friends and connect).

Lord,

Bless all those who labor. May their work be fulfilling, benefit humanity, and be pleasing to you.

Amen.

Prosper the work of our hands