

September 8, 2019  
*Twenty Third 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.*



**Never Forget 9/11**

**Anniversary of September 11<sup>th</sup>**

It hardly seems possible that 18 years have passed since the tragedy and terror of September 11, 2001. This Wednesday we mark the sad anniversary of the attacks on New York City's World Trade Center, the Pentagon and the airplane that crashed in the Pennsylvania countryside. Those fateful television images of blue sky, towering buildings and orange-block fireballs are seared in our minds.

Fr. Mychal Judge, a Franciscan priest, was chaplain to the New York city Fire Department. Standing beneath Tower Two, the beloved priest administered the final Sacrament to an unidentified fireman. When Father Judge removed his helmet to pray, he was killed by a rain of debris.

Writer Hampton Sides noted "They carried him to Saint Peter's, the oldest Roman Catholic Church in Manhattan, and laid him at the altar. Then they shrouded him in a white sheet and placed his helmet on his chest. Father Judge was the first recorded fatality of the Twin Tower tragedy.. Literally, his death certificate was stamped '1'."

This wonderful priest died with a dying man in his arms. The homilist at his funeral Mass, Fr. Michael Duffy, said, "Fr. Judge was praying...he was talking to God, he was helping someone. Can we honestly think of a better way to die?"

So on this 18th anniversary I invite you to turn to the infinite resources of almighty God. May our God help us to Remember, to Heal and to Live.

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:**

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

**Offertory for August 25: \$ 4660**  
**Catholic Univ & US Conf of Cath Bishops: \$ 661**

*"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: Mon, Tues & Thurs 9am - 3pm;  
Weds 9am - 1pm; closed Fri**

**Weekday Masses:  
12:10pm Mass: Mon, Tues & Wed**

**Food Pantry: Thursday 4pm - 6pm**

**September 15: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Reading I: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14  
Reading II: 1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Gospel: Luke 15:1-32



**For September 7th – September 8th**

Saturday, 5pm – ☩ Alexander Lisy (20th Anniv)  
Sunday, 9am – ☩ Anne Knowles  
Sunday, 11:15am – ☩ Joseph Lelio

**For September 14th – September 15th**

Saturday, 5pm – ☩ Andrew Cryans, Sr.  
Sunday, 9am – ☩ Miguel Lucero  
Sunday, 11:15am – ☩ John Gordon

**Early Bulletin Deadline**

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



*Thank you!*

**Second Collections...**

Thank you for your support of the Catholic University & US Conference of Catholic Bishops **last weekend.**

# Important Faith Formation News!



## Mandatory parent meeting

Sept 16, 7pm in the church ~ PreK, Middle School, High School parents

Come learn about the changes to the Faith Formation program

**PreK-5 Classes begin ~ Sept 22**

**Middle School Edge Classes begin ~ Sept 23**

Registration forms are in the rack at the back of the church and on our website ([stmdurham.org](http://stmdurham.org)).

## 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?**

BEGIN THE CONVERSATION with Roberta MacBride  
[stmpastoralmin@comcast.net](mailto:stmpastoralmin@comcast.net) ~ 603-868-2666 x115

## Community News

**VETERANS NEED YOUR HELP** The Chaplain Service of the VA Medical Center in Manchester is in need of individuals willing to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Fridays through Mondays. Chapel helpers for the Sunday 1pm Mass and volunteer visitors. Contact Fr. Thomas P. Steinmetz at (603) 623-8944 or at [oloc.church@comcast.net](mailto:oloc.church@comcast.net)

**A DAY AT HIS FEET** Second Thurs of each month **beginning Sept 12** 10am – 1pm at Joseph House in Manchester. Mass, Reflection and a light lunch. Open to all. For more details: [josephouseretreats.org](http://josephouseretreats.org) or 603-627-9493

**MOTHERS' FELLOWSHIP 2019-2020** Misericordia: A Study on the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy by Blessed Is She! Join in faith and friendship with local moms to discuss how we live as authentic Catholics in our families and community! ALL mothers welcome: new moms, grandmothers, stepmoms, adoptive and foster moms, spiritual moms. Thursday mornings biweekly beginning **Sept 12th**, 9:00-11:00am; and Thursday evenings monthly beginning **Sept 19th**, 6:30-8:30pm. Childcare available during morning sessions. St. Mary's Church Hall, Dover. For more info: Louise Tower (207-608-3447, [weilht@yahoo.com](mailto:weilht@yahoo.com)) or Kathy Ann Childs (603-343-7699, [kathy.a.childs@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.a.childs@gmail.com))

**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](mailto:corpuschristiwwp@gmail.com). Visit <https://corpuschristinh.org/>

**AN EVENING OF CONTEMPLATION** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays **Sept 17 – Dec 3**: 7pm – 8:30pm. Open to all. Bring a friend and come try Ignatian-style prayer! For more details: [josephouseretreats.org](http://josephouseretreats.org) or 603-627-9493

**WOMEN'S RETREAT** A Flourishing Life at Joseph House in Manchester. **7pm Fri Sept 20 – 8pm Sat Sept 21**. Let go of fear, anxiety and self-talk to embrace a life rooted in love. \$130. For more details or to sign up: [josephouseretreats.org](http://josephouseretreats.org)

**ST. ANDREW DINNERS** Men in our diocese who are considering a vocation to the priesthood or would simply like some help hearing the Lord's call for their life, are invited to an evening of prayer, conversation with the Vocations Team, and dinner. Young men (age 13-18) on **Friday, Oct 4**; men (age 19-60) on **Friday, Oct 18**. Both from 6-8pm at the Joseph House (279 Cartier Street) in Manchester. Please RSVP to Becky Vinson at [rvinson@rcbm.org](mailto:rvinson@rcbm.org) or 663-0153.

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

## 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 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

**L**iving  
**I**n  
**F**aith  
**E**veryday

**EXPLORATION-EDUCATION-  
EVANGELATION-FORMATION-WORSHIP-  
PRAYER-SERVICE**

in OUR **LIFELONG** JOURNEY of FAITH.

Church of St. Thomas More

Come join us for an afternoon of :

- ◆ **FOOD:** BBQ & cold drinks
- ◆ **FRIENDS:** See old friends; Welcome newcomers; meet new friends
- ◆ **GAMES/ACTIVITIES**
- ◆ **FUN** for ALL ages!
- ◆ **CHECK OUT** opportunities to enrich your spiritual life.

# Fall Festival

Saturday, September 14



**Who:** EVERYONE in the Parish

**Where:** Church of St. Thomas More

**When:** 1:00 - 4:00 pm

**Sign-up:** Tell us how many are coming (for planning).

Bring your favorite side dish, salad, dessert (if you'd like)

**Free:** STM will provide hot dogs, burgers and drinks

Visit the newly restored Mary Grotto in back, and stay for the Blessing!!



The Boston Catholic  
Climate Movement

## Season of Creation 2019

### Prayer



Creator of Life, the Earth is full of Your creatures, and by Your wisdom you made them all. At Your word, the Earth brought forth plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit, the waters teemed with swarms of living creatures of every kind, and world was filled with every kind of winged bird, walking animal, and creatures that creep upon the ground.

Mountains, plains, rocks, and rivers shelter diverse communities, and through the changing seasons Your Spirit renews cycles of life.

During this Season of Creation, open our eyes to see the precious diversity that is all around us. Enlighten our minds to appreciate the delicate balance maintained by each creature. Inspire us to conserve the precious habitats that nurture this web of life.

In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ. Amen.

-From the Season of Creation Celebration Guide (<https://bostoncatholicclimate.us13.list-manage.com> ).

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To receive a daily 3 minute reflection with images, quotes and prompts for action during the Season of Creation, sign up at: [www.seasonofcreationdaily.org](http://www.seasonofcreationdaily.org)

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Pope Francis asks us to pray for Creation on Sept. 1:

(<https://bostoncatholicclimate.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=23c94b0a7cbcea4ce00f00e50&id=ef9635993a&e=7c331ddef4>)

# UNH Campus Ministry

Fall 2019- Vol. 2

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!

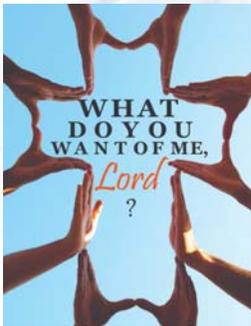
Our Catholic community here at STM and UNH, is centered upon prayer, community, learning and service! Grab a calendar for complete dates and information on upcoming events and schedules! Please introduce yourself; I would be delighted to meet you.



Peace and Welcome!

Ryan Cornelissen  
Campus Minister  
unhstm@gmail.com  
(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)!

# Parish Festival!

Saturday September 14th

from 1 to 4 PM!

We need **YOUR** help!

Join us for our first annual St. Thomas More Parish Festival! We are looking for UNH students to help lead games and activities for parish families! The celebration will include food, friends, games and the blessing of our newly landscaped Mary Grotto !

Contact Ryan to sign-up!

## 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-

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

### WEDNESDAY-

7:15 PM- Catholic Student Org (CSO)  
MUB 334

## 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](http://www.crossroadshouse.org)!