

October 6, 2019
Twenty-seventh 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.

L'SHANAH TOVAH 5780

The High Holy Days

Our Jewish brothers and sisters are celebrating the High Holy Days.

Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, is a time of serious commitment. It is a time for soul-searching and a sense of awe: "humanity's wake-up call." The shofar is a ram's horn and a blast from it represents a "wake-up call".

"Wake up from your sleep, you sleepers! Arise you who slumber! Examine your deeds! Return to God! Remember your Creator!

- Moses Maimonides (1135-1204)

Yom Kippur means "Day of Atonement", called the "Sabbath of Sabbaths", it is the highest and holiest of Jewish days.

A synagogue sign on Yom Kippur read:

"Your sins are not so many that you should stay out or so few that you shouldn't come in."

Let us pray for our Jewish brothers and sisters and for the peace of Jerusalem.

L'Shalom - in peace,
Father Andrew

Yom Kippur

"However, the tenth day of this seventh month is Yom Kippur, a holy convocation to you, so you are to afflict yourselves."

—Leviticus 23:27

Yom Kippur • Day of Atonement

יום כיפור

Tishrei 10 • September/October

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

October 13: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: 2 Kings 5:14-17

Reading II: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19



For October 5th – October 6th

Saturday, 5pm – † Joseph Kovacs

Sunday, 9am – † Dennis Leo Hallisey

Sunday, 11:15am – † Fr. Donald Gauthier

For October 12th – October 13th

Saturday, 5pm – † Jim Beliveau

Sunday, 9am – † Kathie Marchi

Sunday, 11:15am – † William Francis Dolan

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

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

Offertory for September 29: \$ 4360

"Give and it shall be given to you." - Luke 6:38

Thank you for your generous contributions.



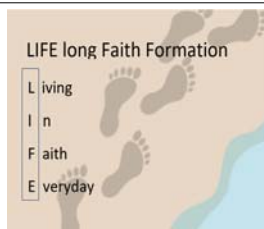
The STM office is closed on

Monday, Oct 14

For Columbus Day / Indigenous People's Day

COME and SEE!

Whole Parish LIFE long Faith Formation has begun!



This weekend (10/6):

- + **Children & Adults** will be in the gym for **FFF** (Family Faith Formation). **ALL** adults are welcome.

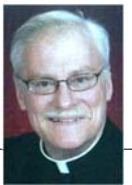
Next weekend (10/13):

- + **No Classes:** Columbus Day / Indigenous People's Day weekend.

The week after (10/20):

- + **Children** will be in their classrooms for **CFE** (Children Faith Formation); and
- + **Adults** will be in the gym for **AFF** (Adult Faith Formation). **ALL** adults are welcome!

Thank you to all who helped make our celebration of Priesthood Sunday and appreciation of Fr. Andy a joyful community celebration!



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults RCIA Journey to the Easter Sacraments



"COME AND SEE!!!"

It's not too late!

Are you interested in joining the Catholic church by receiving the Initiation Sacraments of:

Baptism ~ Confirmation ~ Eucharist?

Are you already baptized and want to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation?

BEGIN THE CONVERSATION with Roberta MacBride
stmtpastoralmin@comcast.net ~ 603-868-2666 x115



Middle School Faith Formation

Next sessions are **Monday, Oct 7 and October 21** from 6-7:30pm.

High School Youth Ministry



Life Teen: Sunday, Oct 6; 6-8pm (snacks)
 Fellowship: Friday, Oct 18; 8-10pm (movie & smores)
 DTS: Sunday, Oct 20; 6-8pm (meal)

The Yarn Crew will resume meetings on

Monday, Oct 14th at 10:00 am
in the church hall.

All are welcome. Hope to see you there!



International Student Mass Sunday November 3rd at 5 PM

Please join us to celebrate our international community of students and parishioners here at STM!



We are looking for parishioners to help pair with students to cook cuisine from their home country for our student supper that night! Please contact Ryan Cornelissen at unhstm@gmail.com or 868-2666 x113 if you are interested in helping out.

200 Club

Congratulations to the September 200 Club Winners:

Claire Way, Luci Cantin, Ed and Helen Donnelly!

Don't forget to pick up a membership/renewal envelope so you can have your chance to be a monthly winner on October 27th.

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

Renewing members may contact Tom Dolan at 603-659-7162 or tomolan84@hotmail.com if you are unsure of your renewal date.

ST. FRANCIS BLESSING OF

PETS & ANIMALS

Sun, Oct 6, Respect Life Sunday
1pm Church back lawn



The Feast of St. Francis reminds us that all creation is a sacred gift and we are responsible to respect and care for all life.

On Oct 6, we will celebrate all creation with special music, prayers, and environment at all Masses, as well as our STM tradition of Blessing of Animals/Pets at 1pm on the back lawn.

Bring pets on a leash or in a cage, to the back lawn. Fr. Andy will lead prayer & bless all pets by name. Musical accompaniment (needed) will add to the celebration.

CHRISTMAS FAIR MEETING



There will be a meeting on
Wednesday, October 9th at 6:30pm
in the church basement.

Anyone interested in sharing ideas
or helping with the Christmas Fair
is encouraged to attend.

If you cannot attend, reach out to
Cindy Racic, Christmas Fair Chair
at cynth95419@aol.com
or 603-781-0945 (c) or 603-868-3053



CARING & SHARING



For this week the Pantry needs are:
Green beans, peas, soups (no tomato or chicken noodle),
pasta (no elbows), tomato paste, pudding & jello cups

Thank you!!

For each "Fight Hunger" bag purchased at
Hannaford in Durham this
October, Hannaford donates \$1.



Care for Creation

Fair Trade bite-size chocolate is available for
Trick-or-Treat! Make a purchase through
Catholic Relief Services,
www.crsfairtrade.org/chocolate from one of
their fair trade partners (EQUAL EXCHANGE or SERRV/
Divine). Farmers will receive fair wages and the Catholic
Relief Services Global Impact Fund will receive a



Community News

FAITHWORKS A faith-based support group for unemployed/
underemployed men & women. The next meeting is **Oct 10** at St. Michael
parish, Exeter; Gabriel House 7-9pm. Begins with networking & refresh-
ments at 7pm; program begins at 7:30pm. Armando Llorente will be explor-
ing interviews and the importance of preparation. Bring your resume for
review. Join LinkedIn.com & search for "Faithworks Employment Support
Group-NH" under Groups. For information contact Glen White at
white.glen@comcast.net

ROSARY COAST TO COAST Hundreds of thousands of Americans
saying a public rosary simultaneously across the country for the conversion
of our country, our church & the world. **Sun, Oct 13**; locally at South Beach,
Hampton at 4pm. 20 decades (~90 minutes). For more info, contact Larry
at laxcitmnt@metrocst.net or 332-2564, or visit rosarycoasttocoast.com.



Our parish family rejoices as
we welcome newly Baptized
*Lucy Mary Kuhn and
Matthew Jeremiah Chinberg*
to our faith community.

Many blessings upon Lucy and Matthew
and their parents
Christian & Sarah, and Noah & Leslie;
and their beautiful families.

Introducing Walking with Purpose: St. Thomas More Women's Catholic Bible Study

- ✦ Do you desire to grow in your Catholic faith?
- ✦ Do you seek connection with other women in our parish community?
- ✦ Are you searching for something more in your life?

"Come and See" what Walking with Purpose is all about!

Please join us on

Thursday, October 17th at 10:30am in the Library.



Opening Your Heart, our foundational study, is
designed for women new to Walking with Purpose
bible studies. The mission of Walking with Purpose is
to help every Catholic woman and girl in America to
open her heart to Jesus Christ. Weekly group sessions are starting
on **Thursday, October 31st**, at 10:30am in the Library. For questions
or to RSVP, contact Michelle Dunbar at mldunbar@comcast.net and
603-498-2778 or visit Walking with Purpose online
www.walkingwithpurpose.com for more information.

We hope to see you!

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

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UNH Campus Ministry

Fall 2019– Vol. 6

Hello students and parishioners!

I hope you are enjoying the beautiful season of fall! My wife and I are happily celebrating our first wedding anniversary this weekend and this is our favorite time of year! As we celebrate St. Francis of Assisi this weekend, a man of simplicity and oneness with nature, let us take time to enjoy the changing of seasons, the beautiful colors that surround us and to think about how we can best live with a spirit of gratitude for the Earth God gave us to inhabit.

Pope Francis spoke at the recent United Nations General Assembly and in relation to the ongoing crises of climate change and the fires in the Amazon, he said:

“While the situation is not good and the planet is suffering, the window of opportunity is still open. Despite everything. Let us not let it close. Let us open it with our determination to cultivate integral human development, to ensure a better life for future generations.”

If you are looking for a way to help, please sign the Senate’s Petition for International Climate Action available online at www.CatholicClimateAction.org

Peace,
Ryan Cornelissen– unhstm@gmail.com

Alternative Spring Break Trip



- ◆ Looking for plans this spring break?
- ◆ Seeking a chance to grow and be stretched?
- ◆ Do the cornerstones of prayer, simplicity, service and community intrigue and inspire you?

Come **Sunday October 6th at 7 PM** in the **Catholic Student Center Prayer Room** for an informational meeting about our Alternative Spring Break Trip to find out more details!
Please contact Ryan if you are serious about the trip, but can’t attend.

Weekly Events!

SUNDAY–

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

WEDNESDAY–

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

FRIDAY–

6:00 PM– Combined Men’s and
Women’s Group Dinner at HoCo

7:00 PM– Women’s Group, Men’s
Group (Contact for location info)

International Student Mass!



November 3rd @ 5 PM

Join us as we celebrate our international students and their unique Catholic heritage and culture! There will be students helping with readings, music and a special blessing for the students in our community. Our Student Supper will represent the cuisines from the home countries, but we **are looking for help!** Contact Ryan if you are interested in helping out!