

October 27, 2019
Thirtieth 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.*



Holy Souls' Month

Understandably, we feel closer to the dead, whom we celebrate on All Souls, than to the saints, whom we celebrate on All Saint's Day—after all, we have known the dead when they were with us in the flesh; we have lived or worked close to them.

Our Christian approach to death is wonderfully summed up in the Preface of the Mass of the Dead. The preface used at a Mass of Christian burial, is full of comfort, compassion and mystery:

"Life is changed, not ended. When the body of our earthly dwelling lies in death, we gain an everlasting dwelling place in heaven." (Christian Death, I)

Saint Paul expresses this wonderful truth when he says: "If Christ is risen, so too are all who die in Christ." So my dear friends, this month we commend to God the souls of those who have been buried from this Church and all who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

In the peace of Christ,
Fr. Andrew

November 1 ~ All Saints Day ~ 7pm Mass

Only one Mass & it is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Nov 2 ~ Mass of Remembrance ~ 5pm Mass

Mass to remember recently deceased loved ones.

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!!

CHURCH OF SAINT THOMAS MORE

*A Community of Parish & University Ministry
PO Box 620, Durham, NH 03824; 868-2666*

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Mon, Tues & Thurs 9am - 3pm; Weds 9am - 1pm

Weekday Masses at 12:10pm:

Communion Services: Mon & Tues; Mass: Wed

Food Pantry: Thursday 4pm - 6pm

November 3: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Wisdom 11:22—12:2

Reading II: 2 Thessalonians 1:11—2:2

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10



For October 26th – 27th

Saturday, 5pm – † Brother Thomas Mel Dolan

Sunday, 9am – † Geraldine Simmons

Sunday, 11:15am – † Rosemary Thomson

For November 2nd – 3rd

Saturday, 5pm – † Deceased parishioners of St. Thomas More

Sunday, 9am – † Fr. Richard Tetu

Sunday, 11:15am – † Joseph Shean

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

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

Offertory for October 20: \$ 4641

World Mission Sunday collection: 1051

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

Thank you for your generous contributions.

Second Collection last weekend...

Was for the World Mission Sunday and
The Propagation of the Faith. Thank you for your generosity!

LIFE LONG FAITH FORMATION

This weekend (10/27):

- + **Children & Adults:** Join us for tasty pastries & a Catholic trivia quiz with **WPF** (Whole Parish Faith Formation) in the gym after the 9am Mass. **ALL** are welcome!



The following week (11/3):

- + **Children** will be in their classrooms for **CFE** ; and
- + **Adults** will be in the gym for **AFF** . **ALL** are welcome!

The week after (11/10):

Happy Veterans Day - no classes!

THIS Sunday our pre-scheduled pancake breakfast is postponed!

INSTEAD... Everyone is invited to enjoy some **tasty pastries** and **test your Catholic knowledge** with fun, innovative Trivia activities for all ages.

The whole parish is invited to the gym after the 9am Mass to gather with old and new friends and join in a fun and memorable faith experience! **Come and See!**



Middle School Faith Formation

Next sessions are **November 4** and **November 18** from 6-7:30pm.

High School Youth Ministry



WPF: Sunday, Oct 27; 10am Whole Parish FF
 Life Teen: Sunday, Nov 3; 6-8pm (snacks)
 Diocesan Youth Conference: Sat, Nov 16; 8:30am - 5pm
 Service: Fri, Nov 22; TBD (Thanksgiving Baskets)



Adoration

Everyone is invited to join our Campus Minister Ryan Cornelissen & the **CSO students** for Adoration from 7:15 - 8:15pm on **Wed, Nov 6**.

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 @ 868-2666 x113 or unhstm@gmail.com or if you are interested in helping out.

UPDATE ON THE

2019 MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGN:

The St. Thomas More Matching Gift Campaign is off and running. Already we have two generous pledges to match totaling \$8,000 (one for \$5,000 and another for \$3,000). This means that if we raise \$8,000 more from other donators, we will get that money AND the pledges for a total of \$16,000. We have a GREAT start from the two generous pledgers to create such a huge incentive for others to donate so we can earn those matching funds. In light of our offertory shortfalls last year, the income from the 2019 Matching Gift Campaign is critical to supporting the costs of our day-to-day Parish operations.

Now is the time to donate to the Matching Gift Campaign. IT'S EASY! Simply write a check or initiate an electronic transfer to "St. Thomas More". You can drop the check in the collection basket, drop it at the office or mail it to PO Box 620, Durham, NH 03824. In the memo field indicate "Matching Gift Campaign". If you would like to remain anonymous, you can indicate that as well.

The response to the St. Thomas More Matching Gift Campaign in past years has been inspiring and we appreciate it very much. This income is needed to cover routine expenses and much needed maintenance and repairs that often have been postponed for some time. The campaign will continue for a few more weeks, so please do not hesitate to make a donation. We will track our progress relative to the two pledges at the Church. We thank you in advance for your generosity and support.



WWP Connect Coffee Talk: Four Steps to Walking with Purpose

Please join us for a taste of Walking with Purpose as we explore four foundational steps that we need to take if we desire to live purposefully. Growing in these areas is a lifelong pursuit, but there's no better time to begin than now! No experience necessary, come as you are for some coffee & a chance to see what Walking with Purpose is all about.

Oct 31, 2019; 10:30am; STM Student Center Library

"For I know the plan I have for you, says the Lord. Plans for welfare, not evil, to give you a hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)

Walking with Purpose is held on Thursdays at 10:30 am in the STM Library from October through May. Its mission is to help every Catholic woman and girl in America to open her heart to Jesus Christ. For more information, contact Michelle Dunbar at STMDurhamWWP@gmail.com or 603-498-2778.

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, or are you already baptized and want to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation?

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

Thanksgiving Baskets

In keeping with St Thomas More tradition, we are once again endeavoring to provide Thanksgiving baskets to families in our community. This year, we anticipate delivering more than 100 baskets.

As in past years, we are inviting members of the parish to create whole Thanksgiving baskets containing non-perishable items including but not limited to:

- cans of corn, peas, carrots, green beans, and/or yams
- cans or jars of gravy
- pre-made pie crusts and canned pie filling
- boxed stuffing
- chicken or turkey broth
- foil baking pan
- 2-3 reusable shopping bags



All fresh produce, rolls, and the turkey will be provided by St. Thomas More. Cash, checks & gift cards to assist in the purchase of additional food items to enhance the baskets are also appreciated.

Baskets may be dropped off in the front lobby the weekend of November 9-10.

The success of this program is dependent upon the generosity of parishioners like you, for which we are always so grateful. Thank you for your support, especially during this busy time of year.

Should you have any questions about this program, please send an email to ChrisAnn at wiechertclan@gmail.com.

SPONSORSHIP REQUEST

STM office computers are outdated plus the change in Microsoft software support results in the need for upgrades. Would you be interested in **sponsoring** the purchase of a new laptop or desktop? We need TWO new Dell laptops and TWO new Dell desktops. The price including software is roughly \$700. We are fortunate to receive discounted purchasing through a parishioner.



If interested, please contact **Bindy** at the STM office via email STMfinance@comcast.net.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Saint Mary Academy

Is looking for someone to **plow snow & shovel**. Please call Paul Carte at 742-3299 if you would like to submit a bid. Thank you!

STM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Prayer Shawl Ministry is an opportunity for you to share your love of knitting or crocheting with those who need prayers.

We meet through May on the 1st Tues in the Library, 11am-noon.

We hope you will join us on Tues, Nov 5.

Questions or ideas?

Contact the office at 868-2666, or Mary Ann Marchi at 868-2019.

2019 ALL SOULS DAY

"Mass of Remembrance"

*Saturday, November 2nd 5pm Mass
Reception will follow in the Church Hall*

*All are invited to join us as we remember
parishioners who have died this past year.*



+ Raymond Plourde
+ Robert Field
+ Richard J. Ferrari
+ Gloria Hedberg
+ Jessie Camolli
+ Anne L. Knowles
+ Robert E. Feegel
+ John McDonnell, Jr.
+ Louis Cloitre
+ Gerard Mahieu
+ Cathy Coakley
+ Dennis Leo Hallisey
+ James E. Beliveau, Sr.
+ Robert Calamari
+ Kenneth P. Geremia
+ Elizabeth Zeis
+ Diana Lawler
+ Rosemary Thomson

*We will also remember immediate family
members of parishioners who have died
this past year.*



Funeral Preparation Workshop

As society ages, we talk of health care directives, health care proxy, financial planning, long term health care insurance, trusts, bequests, providing for descendants etc.; but rarely do we speak of planning funerals. STM parish invites you to participate in a workshop to help you get started in making funeral plans for you or your loved ones.

Many older people worry as they don't think their children attend church and would know what to do. Many young people are concerned that they don't know their parents' wishes. Thus, we encourage all to come and learn what our Catholic Funeral planning involves.

Please sign up for one of sessions, you can call the parish office – 868-2666 and tell them which session you prefer or email your preference to stmberevavement@comcast.net.

Date: Tuesday, Nov. 19th

Times: 10:00 a.m. OR 6:30 pm

Place: St. Thomas More Church

UNH Campus Ministry

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Hello students and parishioners!

We are so excited to have each of you here in our community. As we are at the halfway point in the semester, this is a chance for us to reflect on what we have done so far, and to look forward to what is to come. Please let us know if there is anything I could do to help improve our community or make you feel more welcome!

Peace,
Ryan Cornelissen– unhstm@gmail.com
Campus Minister

Fall Retreat– November 2nd!

Join us on **Saturday Nov. 2nd** at the **St. Theresa's Parish in Rye, NH** for our Fall day-long retreat. The theme this semester is:

“Fullness of Life”

This is an opportunity to step back from the stresses of homework, labs, papers, projects and everything else you have to do to reflect, pray and listen to God moving in your life! Carpools will bring students from UNH to the retreat center. Please contact Ryan for more details!

Thanksgiving Pies are BACK!



Keep an eye out for order forms which will be available next weekend!

Hosting Thanksgiving this year? Or is dessert always your responsibility? Well this year you can supply a tasty pie for your guests while also helping UNH students in the Catholic Student Organization! The pie sales will help sponsor retreats, student suppers and alternative spring break trips!

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!