

November 17, 2019
Thirty-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.



Sabbath

The word Sabbath is from the Hebrew "Shabbat," meaning "to cease, desist." The weekly day of rest and abstention from work enjoined upon the Israelites (Genesis 2:1-3) was appropriated by the Christians, and Sunday became our chief liturgical day.

We need to stop, to pause, to pray. Perhaps begin your next Sabbath by reading Fr. Andrew Costello's Sabbath Prayer, the text of which follows:

GOD of sunrises and sunsets,
God of Mondays to Fridays,
teach me how to slow down and enjoy
Saturdays and Sundays.
Teach me how to Sabbath.
Teach me how to calm down
and actually taste the gift of a day off.
Teach me how to slow down enough to see
all that I'm missing
and to miss all that I'm seeing:
those tiny things, those annoyances,
that keep on wearing me down
day after day after day.
Help me to see people for their gifts,
instead of seeing them for their faults.
Help me to listen to the person I'm with,
instead of saying the same old responses
said in the same old way,
day after day after day.
God of sunrises and sunsets,
teach me how to relax and enjoy
Saturdays and Sundays,
so I'll be a better person
Mondays' to Fridays.

-Andrew Costello

Celebration of Sabbath expresses the belief that our time belongs ultimately to God.

Fr. Andrew

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:

Mon, Tues & Wed

Food Pantry: Thursday 4pm - 6pm

November 24: 34th Christ the King

Reading I: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

Reading II: Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43



For November 16th – 17th

Saturday, 5pm – ✠ Alexander & Gloria Lisy (10th Anniv)

Sunday, 9am – ✠ Raymond Plourde (1st Anniv)

Sunday, 11:15am – ✠ Lucien Baron

For November 23th – 28th

Saturday, 5pm – ✠ Lois Rupp

Sunday, 9am – ✠ Robert Field (1st Anniv)

Sunday, 11:15am – ✠ Jim Beliveau, Jr.

Thursday, 9am (Thanksgiving) – Parishioners of St. Thomas More

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

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

Offertory for November 10: \$ 4409

Military Services collection: \$ 883

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

Thank you for your generous contributions.

Second Collections

Next weekend is for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and Black and Indian Missions.

Thank you very much for your support of the collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Service *last weekend*.

LIFE LONG FAITH FORMATION

This week (11/17):

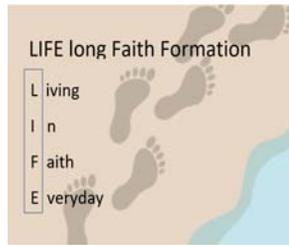
- + **Parents and children** will be in classrooms for **PCC (Parent/Child Classroom)**.

The following week (11/24):

- + **Family Faith Formation (FFF)**; parents and children will be in the gym. All are welcome.

The week after (12/1):

- + No classes (Thanksgiving weekend)



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



Please pray for our seekers who have begun their journey to the Easter sacraments.

If you are interested in joining the Catholic church, **BEGIN THE CONVERSATION** with Roberta MacBride
stmpastoralmin@comcast.net ~ 603-868-2666 x115

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.



Middle School Faith Formation

Next sessions are Nov 18 & Dec 2 from 6-7:30pm.

High School Youth Ministry



Service: Fri, Nov 22; TBD (Thanksgiving Baskets)
Life Teen: Sunday, Dec 1; 6-8pm (snacks)
Whole Parish FF: Sunday, Dec 8; 10am

Congratulations

to Will Maher and Genevieve Wiechert!

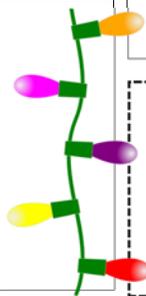
Last weekend, they were presented with the St. Timothy Award, a National Catholic Federation of Youth Ministry Diocesan Award.

We are blessed by the goodness of the youth in our parish!

Christmas Fair!!

Saturday, Dec 7
9am - 2pm

Come join the fun!



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!!



Saint Mary Academy Annual Family, Friends & Alumni Mass

Sunday, November 17th • 5:00 pm
St. Mary Church • Dover, NH

Reception with light refreshments to follow in the Parish Hall. Please join us!

Early bulletin deadline

Deadline for the **Dec 1**
(Thanksgiving weekend) bulletin is



WEDNESDAY, NOV 20

Thanksgiving Baskets

Thank you to everyone who so generously donated to our Thanksgiving Baskets! Food, money, gift cards, time, and organizational skills have all come together in love and prayer to help everyone have a bountiful Thanksgiving celebration!



And a special thanks to ChrisAnn Wiechert and Marie Nycz for organizing everything!

Thank you!

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

We extend our deepest sympathy and continued prayers for the family, friends and loved ones of:



✠ Mary Sakowski
longtime parishioner



Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

STM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



St. Thomas More Prayer Shawl Ministry is seeking new members. Our Ministry provides prayer shawls for special celebrations; for the sick or lonely, and baby blankets for Baptisms. We need a facilitator to pair prayer shawls or baby blankets with cards, to give to Father Andy or Roberta when requested, and to keep track of who receives the shawls and blankets. All shawls, blankets and cards are kept in a cabinet in the Church basement, and Roberta keeps a basket in her office with several prayer shawls and cards at the ready.

Our group meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month from October through May in the Student Center Library, 11:00 am to noon, to "show and tell" latest creations, share patterns, ideas, and words of encouragement. We are happy to help you share your craft in this powerful ministry of God's presence through our handiwork. We also have funds available for those who need assistance in buying yarn.

We hope you will consider joining us on Tuesday, December 3.

If you have questions or know anyone who would benefit from God's healing love by receiving a shawl, please contact the STM office at 868-2666, or Mary Ann Marchi at 868-2019.



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 stmbereavement@comcast.net.

Date: Tuesday, Nov. 19th
Times: 10 a.m. OR 6:30 p.m.
Place: St. Thomas More Church Hall

Christmas Fair - Donations needed...



If you have gently used, nice ...

- ♦ costume jewelry,
- ♦ winter hats, or
- ♦ accessories



to donate, please drop off at Roberta's office in the Student Center. Office open Mon, Tues, Thurs 9am - 3pm & Wed 9am - 1pm.

Questions: Call Joanne at 659-8055 or Lynn at 868-1962.



CARING & SHARING FOOD DRIVE

Nov 22, 23 & 24 run by 98.7, Frank FM, and 98.1 WTSN Radio Stations.

Drop off donations at most Hannaford stores.

STM needs volunteers to help sort and put away food on the morning of Monday, 11/25.

Contact Cindy Racic at 781-0945 or cynth95419@aol.com.

Community News

2019 INTERNATIONAL THANKSGIVING HOST PROGRAM

Welcome at least two international UNH students to your family's Thanksgiving dinner. Visit https://unh.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0S09ALP1mMZLJfD for details or to register by Sun, Nov 17.

MARCH FOR LIFE NH Pilgrimage. Love will end abortion. Join the diocesan pilgrimage to Washington, DC, **Thurs Jan 23 – Sat Jan 25, 2020**. Questions: contact Derek McDonald, Director of Family Life Ministries & Respect Life, at dmcDonald@rcbm.org or 603-663-0171



WWP Session 4: Why and how should I pray?

Please join us for Walking with Purpose as we look at three things that make it difficult for us to pray and explore ways we can get past them to grow in our friendship with Jesus Christ.

No experience necessary, come as you are and join in anytime.

Nov 21, 2019; 10:30am; STM Student Center Library

"He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing..." (John 15:5)

Walking with Purpose is held weekly Oct - May. For more info: Michelle Dunbar at STMDurhamWWP@gmail.com or 603-498-2778.

UNH Campus Ministry

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Hello students and parishioners!

If you are ever looking to see what we are up to, please feel free to check out the parish website for our latest monthly calendar of events. Look under the Campus Ministry tab for the PDF calendar!

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

Prayer of the Month! 11/17

Join us on **Sunday November 17th** at 7PM for our prayer of the month after the student Mass in the prayer room!:

“The examen”

This type of prayer is rooted in gratitude, which is perfect for our month of November! Come to learn more about this Ignatian reflection technique that helps to ground us in a way that is practical and rooted in bringing us into more regular and honest communication with God!

Pie orders due Monday 11/18!



Submit your orders now! Bring into the office during the week or come by Sunday afternoons to Ryan!

Pickups Tuesday November 26th!

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)

Campus Ministry at the Christmas Fair!

- 12/7



Students traveling to Bethlehem Farm in West Virginia for an Alternative Spring Break trip will be raffling off baskets of fun local items and are eager to share about their upcoming trip!