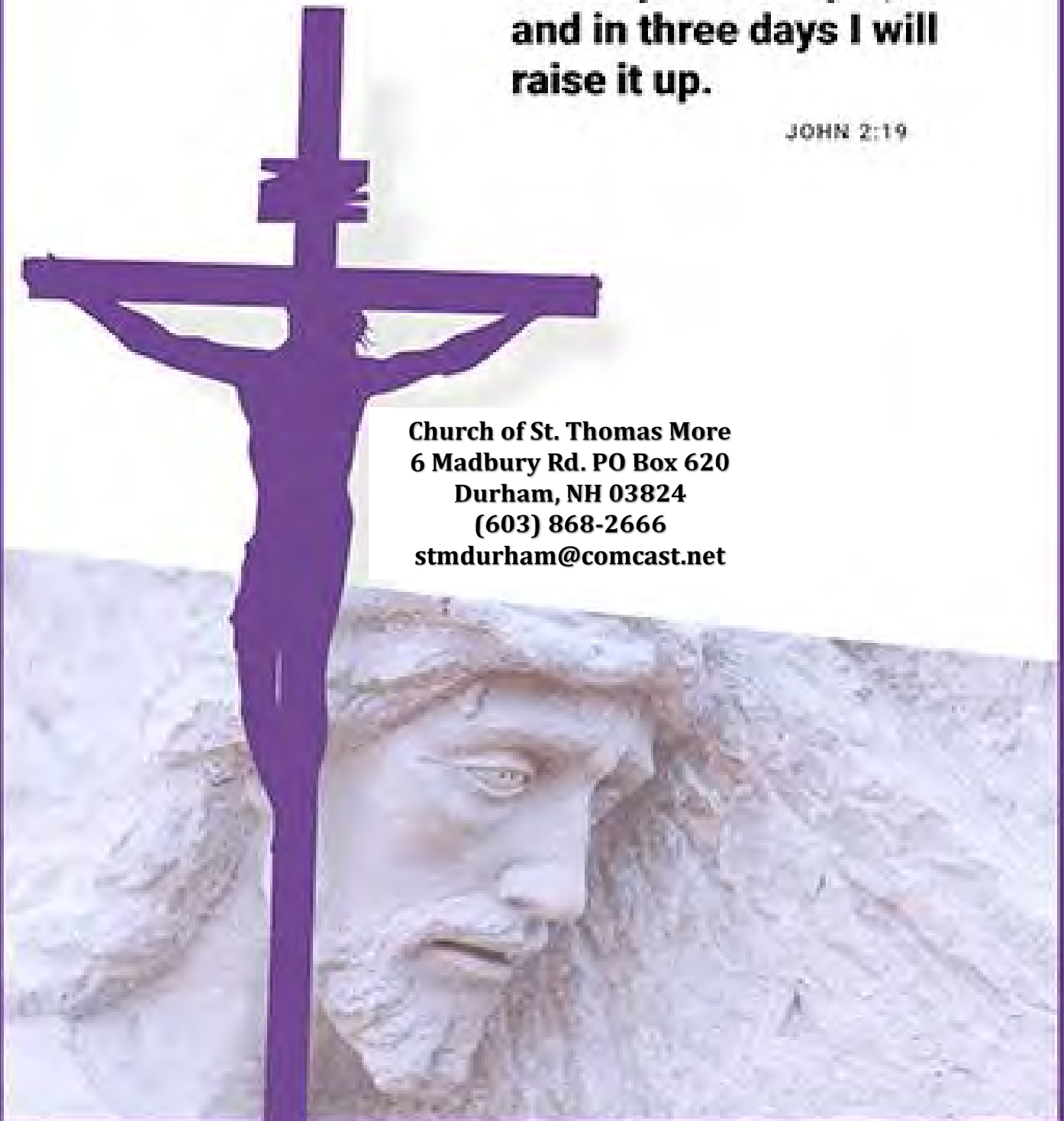


Third
SUNDAY OF
LENT

**Destroy this temple,
and in three days I will
raise it up.**

JOHN 2:19

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March 3, 2024
Third Sunday of Lent

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.

Lenten Soup

There is nothing more like Lent than soup. So simple and yet so satisfying and revivifying at the end of the day.



Each soup maker has their own specialty, prepared in their own unique way. But whatever else may go into the pot, you can't get away from the fact that soup, like people, is mostly water.

Lent is a spiritual soup -
something that nourishes us
and revives us by a variety of ingredients.

There are **the basic ingredients the church prescribes: fasting, almsgiving** (works of mercy). **The most important, like water in the material soup, is prayer.**

Then we have alms and fasting - like meat and vegetables- that give soup its substance. It is one thing to pray for those in need; it is something more to take the actions of fasting and almsgiving that become the vehicle of God to answer those prayers.

But like the spices added by creative cooks, there are additional things that are appropriate to the practice of Lent.

- Scripture reading
- Giving up treats and entertainments
- Seeking to cultivate a particular virtue
And repentance

Continued blessings
on your Lenten Journey,
Fr. Andrew

MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGN

Our goal is **\$27,500.**

Please help us reach our goal.
Currently we are at **\$11,770.00**

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



CHURCH OF SAINT THOMAS MORE

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MASSES & OFFICE HOURS

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5pm
Sunday 9am & 11:15am and 5:00pm Student Mass

WEEKDAY MASS

12:10pm Mass Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tues & Thurs 9-3pm Wed 9-1pm **Closed Friday**

March 2nd-3rd; Third Sunday of Lent

Reading I: Exodus 20:1-17
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25
Gospel: John 2:13-25

March 9th-10th; Fourth Sunday of Lent

Reading I: 1 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23
Reading II: Ephesians 2:4-10
Gospel: John 3:14-21



March 2nd-3rd; Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday 5pm – † Paul Cardarople
Sunday 9am – Veronica Monteyro
Sunday 11:15am – † Joyce Nelson

March 9th-10th; Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday 5pm – † Rich Erickson
Sunday 9am – † Crescentia Healy True (18th Anniversary)
Sunday 11:15am – † Carolyn Momenee



STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Faith Formation (K-5th grade)

Grades Kindergarten-1st During the 9am Mass—Church Hall
Grades 2 & 3 (Student Center) & Grades 4-5 Church Hall

No Faith Formation February 25th-March 3rd

Next Faith Formation Class March 10th-Whole Family

For more information please contact Ann McGurty
stmfaith@comcast.net or call 603 868-2666 X110

Faith Formation Grades K-5th classes

Whole Family in the Gym on Sunday, March 10th

Please contact Ann McGurty for more information

stmfaith@comcast.net or 603-868-2666 EXT #110

Middle School Youth Ministry (Grades 6-8)

Next class Sunday, March 3rd from 6:30-8pm in the Church Hall

Please contact Regina Smick-Attisano for more information

stmmsfaith@gmail.com

High School Youth Ministry

High school students, please contact Felicia Sperry for more information on class schedule.

Please contact Felicia Sperry stmHSYM@gmail.com

LIFE— Living In Faith Everyday



Please prayers for our students and RCIA adults who will be receiving their **Confirmation and first Eucharist**. May the Holy Spirit

continue to guide and strengthen them in their FAITH.



OUR JOURNEY FROM ASHES TO EASTER CONTINUES

Stations of the Cross on Fridays 7pm

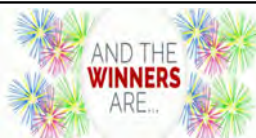
Reconciliation is available Sat. 4pm and after Stations or by appointment.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION— MARCH 3RD, 10:00AM (gym)

THE RESCUE PROJECT WITH FR. JOHN RICCARDO
Presented by Derick Alexandre

This series aims to retell the Gospel in a fresh and compelling way with video lectures and small group discussion. You've never heard the good news of Jesus Christ proclaimed in such dynamic fashion! This week's topic: "Why is There Something Rather than Nothing?"



200 CLUB SIXTH ANNIVERSARY WINNERS

These lucky winners celebrated the 200 Club

6th Anniversary by collecting some tidy sums.

Congratulations to...

Nikki and Ally Brown

Millie and Tom Parks

Maurice and Peg Moriarty

You could be a winner at the next monthly drawing on March 31 - but only if you are a member of the 200 Club.

Both enrollment and renewal are easy. Subscription options are for 3, 6 or 12 months, at a cost of \$50, \$100 or \$200 respectively.

Simply write a check made payable to St. Thomas More Church with 200 Club in the memo section. Mail it, along with your contact information [address, phone, and email], to the St. Thomas More parish office at

PO Box 620, Durham NH 03824

For additional member information contact Tom Dolan at tomdolan84@hotmail.com or 603-519-0369



CHILDREN LITURGY
OF THE WORD

There will be
**no Children's Liturgy
of the Word this week.**
**We will resume on
Sunday, March 10th.**



We hope you will join us for
Mary's Way of the Cross
(by Richard G. Furey, C.S.S.R.)
on Sunday, March 10th in the gym at
10am (after the 9:00am Mass).

As we journey through Lent and
approach Palm Sunday and Holy Week,
let us walk with Jesus as he prepared
for the ultimate sacrifice.

Power Point Presentation narrated by the Faith Formation
Catechists & Parishioners.



"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." Does a life dedicated to furthering the grace of reconciliation in Christ for others appeal to you? Consider answering the call to the priesthood and serve God and His people. Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Matt Mason, the Vocations Director at 603-663-0196 or mmason@rcbm.org.



OFFERTORY UPDATE:

Average Weekly Regular Offertory Amount
needed to meet our Annual Budget, **\$5,192.31**

Ash Wednesday February 14th \$1,254.30

Offertory for February 18th: \$4,981.38

Offertory for February 25th: \$4,878.00

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

Thank you for your generous contributions.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Barbara Farrington

Peter Farrington

Mary Golab

Carol Johnston

Eddie Mazur

Dot Meneghin

Carol Ober

Susan Whitworth

***For all our homebound and residents of our
local nursing homes and care facilities.***

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

Honor or remember
loved ones with a
donation for Palms/
Easter Flowers.

Envelopes are available
on the church window
sills and all entrances. Names will be posted in the
bulletin.



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Bishop Libasci invites couples celebrating 5, 10, 25, 50, and 60+ years of marriage in 2024 to attend a Mass in celebration of significant wedding anniversaries. The Mass will be held on **Sunday, May 5th, at 2:00 p.m. at Saint Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. To register, please contact your parish office (603-868-2666) by April 12, 2024.**

The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all couples will receive a mailed invitation to this special celebration. To those celebrating the indicated anniversary years, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at the Cathedral this spring!



IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR!

Call **Ann McGurty (603-868-2666)** or email (stmdurham@comcast.net) the parish office if you would like a **tax letter for your 2022 STM Contributions**

Statement. Please let me know if you want the statement mailed, emailed, or if you are going to pick it up in person. It may take a few days to process, but I will try to get them out in a timely manner.

Thank you for your cooperation!



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

As we finish the month of February, we continue to see our number of patrons increase. We welcome any clean, reusable shopping bags to add to our inventory. Your continuous support is much appreciated.

A special thank you to Radmoto USA, a bike shop in Portsmouth who generously fixed two children's bikes for us donated by Walmart. The bikes will be given to two of our families for use beginning this Spring.

If you haven't decided what to do for Lent, add some service to the Ashes to Easter season; contact Regina Smick-Attisano at rasamom3@comcast.net. We can match your availability with our opportunities to volunteer.

This week, at the pantry, we have an increasing need for:

- Napkins
- Juices
- Toothpaste



CYBER SECURITY/PHISHING/SCAMS

Have you been hacked or scammed? Would you like to know more on how to protect yourself when using the internet?

We will be offering a session for all parishioners on **Cyber Security, Phishing and Scams**, presented by **John Ashworth King** from the Diocese on:

Sunday, March 17th, at 1pm in the Student Center (gym)

(Refreshments will be provided)



UNH SUNDAY SUPPER TEAMS

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Sunday Suppers-after the Sunday 5pm Mass is looking for help (to be part of a team) for preparing meals for our College students, please contact Derick Alexandre at dalexandre@outlook.com. Thank you so much for your help and God bless you.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



March 4th-March 10th

MONDAY 3/4 CSO Board Meeting 6pm-Student Center

TUESDAY 3/5 Bible Study, 6pm, Student Center
Men's Group, 6pm Lighthouse

WEDNESDAY 3/6 CSO Meeting, 7pm, MUB 338

FRIDAY 3/8 Stations of the Cross, 7pm STM
Social, 8pm, TBD

SUNDAY 3/10 1pm, Crossroads Prep, Student Ctr.
4:15pm Rosary, Parish Hall

UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Sunday, March 10th 5pm
Sunday, March 17th SPRING BREAK
Sunday, March 24th 5pm
Sunday, March 31st EASTER SUNDAY

Home Cooked Meal to Follow All Student Masses!

CSO will prepare a meal for Crossroads House on March 10th at 1pm in the Student Ctr.

LAETARE SUNDAY, MARCH 10th

God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. AMEN.



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March 7—St. Perpetua and Felicity
(c. 203) Martyred in North Africa.
Provided the earliest first-person account leading up to Christian martyrdom. Heroic witnesses to the faith.

March 10— St. Dominic Savio (d. 1857)
Pupil of St. John Bosco. Model of youthful rectitude and compassion. Died as an adolescent with a joyful faith.



UNH Catholic Student Organization News for Spring 2024 Students

If you would like additional information, please contact our Campus Minister,

Derick Alexandre—unhstm@gmail.com or
Tyler Johnson—tyler.johnson@unh.edu

Stay tuned for more exciting events happening this semester.

Hope to see you at the next meeting
March 6th at 7:00pm at the MUB 338/340

Sunday Mass
March 10th at 5pm

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