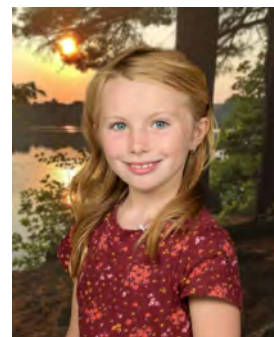
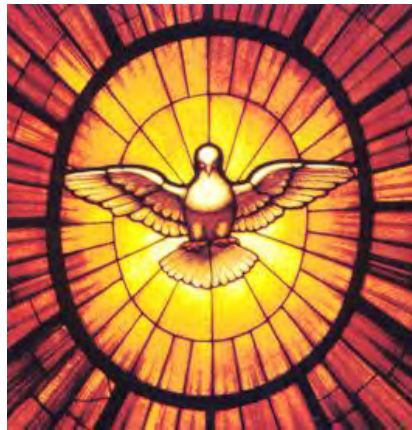


CHURCH OF ST THOMAS MORE

Confirmation and First Eucharist,

Confirmation



March 10, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Lent-Laetare Sunday

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.*



Return to Me

**One of the great
paradigms of repentance
is the wonderful Biblical
tale of Jonah the Prophet.**

Not without reason is it
read in synagogue on the
feast of Yom Kippur.

God teaches Jonah not to be cynical, to always maintain faith in the possibility of human transformation. The Prophet had longed for God to destroy the wicked city of Nineveh, but God reminds Jonah that "many there do not know their right hand from their left." (Jonah 4:11)

God does not want to destroy, but to see lives transformed. In short, God is a God of second chances; many second chances.

Through apology, repair, and attempting to heal damage done, we effectively rewrite the past.

This Lent, give someone a second chance and let the healing begin.



L'Shalom - in peace,
Fr. Andrew

MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGN



Our goal is **\$27,500.**
Please help us reach our goal.
Currently we are at **\$14,270.00**

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

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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 9th-10th; Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

March 16th-17th; Fifth Sunday of Lent

Reading I: Jeremiah 31:31-34
Reading II: Hebrews 5:7-9
Gospel: John 12:20-33



March 9th-10th; Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

March 16th-17th; Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday 5pm – † Norman Lamontagne (15th Anniversary)
Sunday 9am – † Chita Rivera
Sunday 11:15am – † Fred F. Holmes



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

Next Faith Formation Class March 10th-Whole Family

Mary's Way of the Cross

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

Faith Formation Grades K-5th classes

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 17th 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 prayer 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.



HOLY WEEK 2024

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY Sat/Sun March 23/24

ALL Masses Begin in the CHURCH ~ Come early to receive Palms and be seated before Mass.

Sat 5pm; Sun 9am; Sun 11:15am; 5pm UNH

TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY Mar 28, 7pm "Mass of the Lord's Supper" New Holy Oils; Foot-Washing; Adoration-Center Library

GOOD FRIDAY Mar 29, 7pm "Passion of the Lord" Passion; Veneration of the Cross; Holy Communion

HOLY SATURDAY "EASTER VIGIL" Mar 30, 8pm



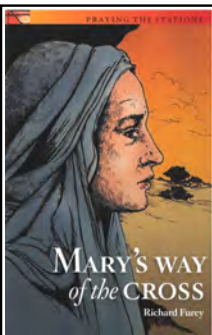
Alleluia! New Paschal Candle and Easter Water

EASTER SUNDAY "RESURRECTION of the LORD"
March 31, 9am & 11:15am



CHILDREN LITURGY
OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy resumes this Sunday, March 10th.



We hope you will join us for
Mary's Way of the Cross
(by Richard G. Furey, C.ss.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.

A Note of Thanks From Barbara Porter & Family

To the Parishioners of
St. Thomas More:



Our family is most thankful and
appreciative for all the Sunday prayers
you offered for our beloved Jud over
the past 2 1/2 years. It was a long
journey and knowing you were with us supporting us in prayers
gave us Comfort and peace especially now that he is with God.



"Whoever lives the truth comes to the light." Your vocation is your sanctification in this life to lead you to sainthood in the next. Are you called to belong to Christ alone as a priest or through consecrated life? 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**
Offertory for March 3rd: **\$6,112.40**

"Give and it shall be given to you." - Luke 6:38
Thank you for your generous contributions.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Barbara Farrington	Carol Johnston
Peter Farrington	Dot Meneghin
Mary Golab	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 February Update

For the month of February, we served 416 individuals from nine towns. Your continuous support is much appreciated, especially since we are experiencing an increase each week. In the last week of February, our count was 31 families. Last year, we averaged 25 a week.

As we aim to be as sustainable as possible, any extra reusable bags you have around your home are welcome at the Pantry. Just drop off in the Student Center vestibule; we have a bin there for your convenience.

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. We are getting very close to have two sets of volunteers for each session so the commitment would be twice per month.

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

- Salt & Pepper and Flavoring packets for water bottles
- Body wash



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 11th-March 17th

MONDAY 3/11 CSO Board Meeting 6pm-Student Center

TUESDAY 3/12 Bible Study, 6pm, Student Center
Men's Group, 6pm Lighthouse

WEDNESDAY 3/13 CSO Meeting, 7pm, MUB 338

FRIDAY 3/15 Stations of the Cross, 7pm STM

HAVE A WONDERFUL SPRING BREAK!

UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Sunday, March 17th	SPRING BREAK
Sunday, March 24th	5pm
Sunday, March 31st	EASTER SUNDAY
Sunday, April 7th	5pm

Home Cooked Meal to Follow All Student Masses!

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.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY St. Patrick, Pray for Us.



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March 13—Leander of Seville (d. 600)
Benedictine Monk. Bishop. Introduced the Nicene Creed into the Mass as a renewed critique of Arianism

March 17— St. Patrick.

(d. 493) Patron of Ireland. Converted the pagan Druids. Wrote an autobiographical account of his ministry. The subject of many colorful Irish legends.



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 13th at 7:00pm at the MUB 338/340

Sunday Mass
March 24th at 5pm

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