Church of

SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

6 Madbury Road (P.O. Box 620) - Durham, New Hampshire 03824-0620

April 21, 2024 Fourth Sunday



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SUNDAY LITURGIES

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

WEEKDAY MASS

12:10pm Mass Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday & Thurs: 9-3pm, Wednesday: 9-1pm

Closed Friday

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Saturday, 4:00 - 4:30 pm or by appointment.

Baptism: Call office to register for class & date of celebration.

Marriage: Call office to schedule appointment at least six months prior.

Anointing of Sick: Call office anytime.

Inquiries & Reception in Catholic Faith (RCIA): Call Roberta ext. 115.

First Communion, First Reconciliation & Youth Confirmation:

Call Director of Faith Formation at ext. 110.

For parish registration call 603-868-2666 or visit stmdurham.org.

April 21, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter

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.



Prayer Times

Prayer at the **Beginning of the Day**

This prayer is one of the collects from the Divine Office (Prime) which, from the sixth century on, was said just after dawn:

Almighty God, you have given us this day:
strengthen us with your power
and keep us from falling into sin,
so that whatever we say or think or do
may be in your service and for the
sake of your kingdom.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Prayer at the End of the Day

O my God, I thank you for all the benefits which I have ever received from you, and especially this day.

Give me light to see what sins I have committed, and grant me grace to be truly sorry for them.

(Here, examine your conscience for the faults you have committed during the day.)

I commend my spirit;
Lord Jesus, receive my soul.
May our Blessed Lady, Saint Joseph,
Saint Thomas More and all the Angels and Saints
pray for us to God,
that our home may be preserved this night from
danger and all evil.

May the Lord God bless us and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

Fr. Andrew

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MASSES & OFFICE HOURS

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5pm Sunday 9am, 11:15am & 5pm (UNH Student Mass)

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

April 20th-21st; Fourth Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

Reading II: 1 John 3:1-2 Gospel: John 10:11-18

April 27th-28th; Fifth Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

Reading II: 1 John 3:18-24 Gospel: Luke 15:1-8



April 20th-21st; Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday 5pm – † Maryann Wren Sunday 9am – † Connie Attisano Sunday 11:15am– † Msgr. Daniel Lamothe

April 27th-28th; Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday 5pm – † Sister Dorothy Lord Sunday 9am – † Jud Porter Sunday 11:15am– † Patricia Wellington



STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Faith Formation Grades K-5th classes

Thank you to all our Catechists who assisted in our Faith Formation Classes this year, your generosity and commitment is greatly appreciated

Please contact Ann McGurty for more information stmfaith@comcast.net or 603-868-2666 X110

Middle School Youth Ministry (Grades 6-8)

Next class Sunday, April 28th from 6:30-8pm in the Church Hall -Final Class

Please contact <u>Regina Smick-Attisano</u> for more information <u>stmmsfaith@gmail.com</u> or 603-868-2666 X110

High School Youth Ministry

Thank you Felicia Sperry for your many years of dedication and commitment to our High School Youth Ministry Program here at STM. You will be missed!

Please contact Ann McGurty for more information stmfaith@comcast.net or 603-868-2666 X110

LIFE-Living In Faith Everyday

Exist Community

First Eucharist

Ella & Emery Flanders will receive their First Eucharist on <u>Saturday, April 27th</u>. Please keep them in your prayers.



Keep Kids Safe Background Checks

Did you know? The Diocese of Manchester requires all adults who regularly work with children and

youth in our parishes, schools, and camps to complete background checks. Recently, we began renewing these background checks every 4 years. This is just one of the efforts undertaken by our diocese to protect children! For more information about child safety in the Diocese of Manchester, visit www.catholicnh.org/safety



OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for April 14th: \$5,555.00

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



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Manuel DeGuzman Peter Farrington Ed Donnelly Dot Meneghin Barbara Farrington Cindy Racic Susan Whitworth

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

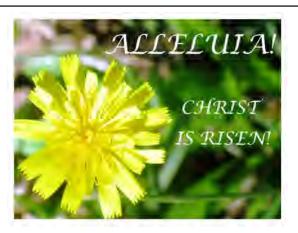


Are you interested in volunteering for our Prayer Shawl Ministry?

St. Thomas More
Prayer Shawl Ministry will
KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY. hold a special meeting on

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. in the Student Center Library.

We hope you will consider joining us.





World Day of Prayer for Vocations

"There is no salvation through anyone else." Let us pray for those who are called to follow the Lord as a priest or religious brother or sister that they may generously say YES. Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Matt Mason, the Vocations Director at 603-663-0196 or mmason@rcbm.org.

St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

Thank you for your continued support. As we continue to look for

ways to reduce our carbon footprint, if you have any reusable shopping bags that are not serving a purpose for you, please drop them off for use in the Food Pantry.

Another need we have is for a volunteer who speaks Spanish; if you or you know someone who could be with us between 4:00pm and 6:00pm once a month that would be very helpful.

Our volunteer numbers continue to grow. Again, thank you for answering our call; we can always utilize your talents if you find you have some time to give. Please contact Regina Smick-Attisano at rasamom3@comcast.net to explore how you can make a difference.

This week, at the pantry, we have a need for:

- Iced tea mix
- Salad dressing
- Packages of snack crackers



Collection Counters Needed

<u>Collection Counters</u> <u>Needed</u>

We are looking for individuals who can assist with counting the Parish Weekend Collections. You would be part of a

team, which rotates once or twice a month. Counting is done on Monday mornings (Tuesday mornings, if Monday is a holiday).

Please contact Ann McGurty for more information Office-603-868-2666 Email-stmdurham@comcast.net



STM SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Many parishioners have asked, how can we help?

We will be purchasing 2 heat pumps for the Church. This will help with heating in the winter and some cooling; by circulating the air during those hot sticky summer days. The estimated cost for the heat pumps and electrical work will roughly be \$20,000.00.

If you would like to contribute, please call the office 603-868-2666.

200 CLUB



If you are a 200 Club member, you could be showered with winnings at our next drawing on April 28th

There's plenty of time to become a new member or renew your membership.

Both enrollment and renewal are easy. As the 200 Club 'year' ends in January, all annual new or renewal subscriptions in April are \$170.

Quarterly and Semi annual subscriptions are available at \$50 and \$100 respectively.

Simply write a check made payable to **St. Thomas More Church**. Don't forget to also **put 200 Club in the memo section**. Mail it, along with your contact information

[address, phone, and email], to the parish office at St Thomas More Parish, PO Box 620, Durham NH 03824

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





New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Next week begins the annual New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of Our Faith II, One Bread, One Body (NHCA), an initiative

designed to strengthen our ministries for the Church in New Hampshire and to reduce the number of annual second collections at parishes. Last year, our parish along with the other 87 parishes raised more than \$3.8M. Thank you to all who donated to the appeal last year. The Appeal will take place over the next two weekends at Mass. The NHCA supports the care for our retired and elderly priests, seminarian education and vocations, Catholic education, evangelization through Parable magazine, the Community Services program at Catholic Charities NH and more. Every registered parishioner will receive a letter from Bishop Libasci along with appeal materials in the mail soon. Please keep the Church in New Hampshire in your prayers that we may grow together and carry our faith into the future. For more information, go to

https://www.catholicnh.org/nhca





CALENDAR OF EVENTS



April 22nd-April 28th

April 22- Board Meeting. 6pm. Student Center.

April 23- Women's Group. 6pm. Student Center

Men's Group. 6pm. Lighthouse.

April 22-25 FOCUS Missionaries Visit

April 24- CSO Meeting. 7pm. MUB 338.

April 27 - Semiformal Dance. MUB. 7-10pm

UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Sunday, April 28th 5pm
MAY—GOOD LUCK WITH FINALS!

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!!!!

Last Saturday, The UNH CSO held its Annual Spring Retreat at St. Joseph's Cathedral alongside Plymouth State! It was a profound experience for all.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Catholic University of America is the only school established with a papal charter in the United Stated of America. This charter allows them the authority to grant ecclesiastical degrees and is the only school able to do so.



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April 25 – Mark (d. 68) Author of the Second Gospel. Companion to Saints Peter and Paul. First bishop of Alexandria. Symbol is the winged lion.

April 27-Louis de Montfort (d. 1716) Priest with an ardent devotion to Mary. Coined the phrase "Totus tuus". Wrote *True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin*. A favorite of JPII.



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
April 24th at 7:00pm at the MUB 338/340

<u>Sunday Mass- April 21st-5pm</u> April 14h at 5pm



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