

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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September 15, 2024 **Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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SUNDAY LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:15 am & 5pm (UNH Student Mass)

WEEKDAY MASS

12:10pm Mass Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tues, Thurs: 9-3pm, & Wed 9-1pm

Closed Friday



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Will be offered every Friday in the Church 7-8pm

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 (OCIA): 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.

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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.*



Time

Time is a gift, and it is up to us not to abuse it.
We live in time as we do in space, air and light.
It is central to our being and, as such, needs to be befriended.

Ask yourself some “timely” questions:

1. Am I devoting enough time to my high priorities?
If not, how can I do so?
2. Am I spending too much time on my low priorities?
If so, how can I reduce this?
3. Is there something I’m not doing that I really should be doing? How can I fit it in?
4. Things are wasting my time?
How can I minimize them?
5. Am I trying to do too much myself?
What activities can I safely delegate?
6. Do I waste other people’s time?
How can I behave differently?
7. How often do I take time off to pray, to relax, or just have time for myself?

The late Fr. John Powell, S.J., has written: “Every day we should do something that will expand us: we should win little victories over our fears that will widen our world and our lives.” Whatever our reasons for wanting to manage time properly, it helps greatly if we reflect on the questions listed above. List what needs doing and give priority to the essentials.

*Blessings & Peace,
Fr. Andrew*



OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for September 1st **\$5,599.75**

Offertory for September 8th **\$5,185.31**

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

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MASSES & OFFICE HOURS

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September 14th-15th; 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Isaiah 50:5-9a

Reading II: James 2:14-18

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

September 21st-22nd; 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Wisdom 2:12,17-20

Reading II: James 3:16-4:3

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37



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Saturday 5pm – † Patricia Slavin (1st Anniversary)

Sunday 9am – † Leonard Attisano

Sunday 11:15am – † Natalie Jean Fortin

September 21st-22nd; 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – † Mary Eva Letourneau (1st Anniversary)

Sunday 9am – † Leonard Attisano

Sunday 11:15am – † Stella I. Cryans



STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Parent Meeting for all Faith Formation grades will be on Sunday, September 15th at 10am in the gym. Faith Formation Schedules will be distributed at the meeting.

Classes begin Sunday, September 29th.

Catechists/Teachers & Assistants needed!

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

Registration for all grades for Fall classes are now being accepted

Faith Formation Grades K-5th classes

stmfaith@comcast.net

Please contact Ann McGurty for more information

Middle School Youth Ministry & High School Youth Ministry

stmfaith@comcast.net

Please contact Ann McGurty for more information

For more information and Sacrament inquiry, please contact Ann McGurty at 603-868-2666 or email stmfaith@comcast.net



New STM Middle School Youth Minister

We would like to welcome **Selina Awinbisa Agandaa** as our new Middle School Youth Minister. Selina is from Ghana and she is currently a student at UNH.

She is studying for her Masters in Nutritional Sciences (second year).

Prior to UNH, she taught at the children services ministry in her community in Ghana. She enjoys children and loves to serve in her community. She is grateful for the opportunity to volunteer in doing the work she loves most through teaching the middle school students here in St. Thomas More.



COME AND SEE (OCIA)

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults
(Formerly RCIA)



Are you searching for meaning in life? Do you feel a longing for a relationship with God? Have you ever wanted to know more about what the Catholic Church really teaches? Have you thought about receiving Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist but don't know where to begin?

If so, then **please join us for an informational meeting about OCIA (the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) on Monday, September 16, at 7pm in the STM Student Center Library.**

One is not making a formal commitment to anything by attending this meeting. We will simply answer your questions to help you discern if you want to start the inquiry process. All are welcome and invited (University students and all other adults). Bring a friend!

For more information, please contact the parish office at 603-868-2666 and ask for Derick Alexandre (unhstm@gmail.com) or Roberta MacBride (stmpastoralmin@comcast.net)



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update – our August Numbers

In August, we served 356 individuals from eight towns. We are typically seeing two to three first time patrons at each session. We can still use additional volunteers.

If you want to be part of our team, we typically have three - four opportunities each week. Just contact Regina at rasamom3@comcast.net and I'll send you the information. No need to commit to an entire week; many of our volunteers pick one opportunity each week to assist in our mission.

This week, at the pantry, we need items for our baking section:

- Baking powder or baking soda
- Spices – particularly baking ones such as nutmeg, cinnamon, ginger
- Brown sugar



200 Club

If you are a 200 Club member, you could be a winner at our next drawing on September 29.

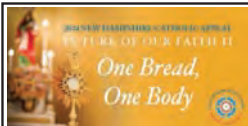
There's still time to become a new member or renew your membership before the next drawing on September 29.

Subscription options are as follows: As the '200 Club' year ends in January, new or renewal of 'annual' subscriptions in September are \$85. Quarterly or semi-annual subscriptions are \$60 and \$100 respectively.

Simply write a check made payable to **St. Thomas More Church**. Don't forget to 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.



St. Thomas More goal is **\$31,105.00**

As of September 9th we have raised **\$24,174.60**

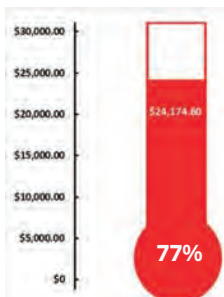
Help us reach our goal!

Thank you to all who have contributed. Feel free to take an envelope complete it and mail it directly to **NH Catholic Appeal**, drop it in the basket at the entrances of the Church or place it in the collection basket or go online at www.catholicnh.org/nhca

Our Parish number code is 41830.

Our **STM Food Pantry** and **Campus Ministry** benefit from the NHCA contributions.

Thank you for your continual support.



ST. THOMAS MORE Parish Ministries



Come to worship, go to serve



STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

LIFE— Living In Faith

CATECHISTS NEEDED

We are looking for Catechists (teachers) & assistants for all grades Kindergarten-High School.

Come share your gifts, talents and your faith with our students.

For more information, please contact Ann at 603-868-2666 or email stmfaith@comcast.net



Collection Counters Needed

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



The **Environment Group** is looking for individuals who would like to work as a team and help with organizing materials and spaces, and decorating the Church for changes in the Liturgical Seasons.



Please Call Roberta MacBride for more information at 603-868-2666 EXT 115 or email stmpastoralmin@comcast.net



Prayer Shawl Ministry

KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.

Are you interested in volunteering for our Prayer Shawl Ministry?

Prayer Shawls are prayerfully made for the sick, shut-ins, bereaved & newly

baptized. Prayer pockets/ bookmarks are made for our students who make their First Eucharist and Confirmation. Praying for the individuals who receive these items is truly a gift!

Please contact Roberta MacBride at 603-868-2666 EX # 115 or stmpastoralmin@comcast.net for more information.



STM FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Our Fellowship Committee is responsible for hospitality and parish community activities. We are looking for new members. If you are interested in building community and sharing fellowship within our parish please

contact **Alberto Manalo** at

alberto.manalo@comcast.net or call the parish office



Food Pantry

Food Pantry is looking for drivers to pick up food from stores; stock shelves, setup, & clean up; help on Thursdays from 4-6pm.

Please contact **Regina Smick-Attisano**
rasamom3@comcast.net



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD AS A LECTOR AT MASS?

Please contact the Parish office at 603-868-2666 or contact Roberta MacBride at stmpastoralmin@comcast.net (Training will be provided)



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING A MINISTER OF HOSPITALITY TO WELCOME PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS TO OUR COMMUNITY?

We are in need of Ushers & Greeters, for all Masses, especially on Sundays at 11:15am. If interested, please contact Ann McGurty at the office at 603-868-2666. Training will be provided.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Week of September 15-22

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY 9/15 STUDENT MASS 5pm, followed by supper.

TUESDAY 9/17 Men's Group 7pm Lighthouse

Women's Group 7pm Sarah's Apartment

WEDNESDAY 9/18 CSO All Student Meeting 7pm-MUB 162

THURSDAY 9/19 Food Pantry 4-6pm

FRIDAY 9/20 CSO Board Meeting 5:30-6:30pm

Adoration, 7pm 5pm

DID YOU KNOW?

The magical term "hocus pocus" comes from the most sacred moment in Catholic ritual: the consecration of the bread as the body of Christ by the priest speaking the words "This is my body," which in Latin is *Hoc est enim corpus meum*.^[6]

UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Sunday, September 15th	5pm
Sunday, September 22nd	5pm
Sunday, September 29th	5pm
Sunday, October 6th	5pm

A Homecooked meal to follow Student Masses!

CSO had great success in recruiting new members at U-day on September 5th. Lots of traffic came by our table for info and popsicles.



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September 18— Joseph of Cupertino (d. 1663)
Capuchin Friar. Many instances of levitation during prayer. Dedicated to fasting and self-discipline. Humble, patient, and obedient.

September 21— Matthew the Apostle (1st c.)

Author of the first Gospel. Tax collector for the Romans. Known as a sinner by the Jews, he was an unlikely follower of Jesus. Also called Levi in the NT.

September 23— Padre Pio (d. 1968). Capuchin Friar. Mystic. Stigmatist. Famous Confessor with many spiritual gifts, including the discernment of spirits.



UNH Catholic Student Organization News for Fall 2024 Students

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

Derick Alexandre—unhstm@gmail.com or
Sam Heinze—Samuel.heinze@unh.com

Stay tuned for more exciting events happening this semester.

Hope to see you at the next meeting
September 18th at 7:00pm at the MUB 162

Sunday Mass with Supper to Follow
September 22nd at 5pm

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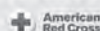
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