

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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September 22, 2024 **Twenty-Fifth 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 this 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.

September 22, 2024
Twenty-Fifth 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.*

This Week's Thought

The most important question about God is not where God is in the midst of the Tragedy, but how he is present. The English spiritual writer Edwina Gateley suggests the following in her 2009 memoir.

Let Your God love You

Be silent.
Be still.
Alone.
Empty
Before your God.
Say nothing.
Ask nothing.
Be silent.
Be still.
Let your God
Look upon you.
That is all.
God knows.
God understands.
God loves you
With an enormous love,
And only wants
To look upon you
With that love.
Quiet.
Still.
Be.

Let your God -
Love you.

-Edwina Gateley,
From *In God's Womb*

This week dwell in the mystery of being loved by God just for being who you are.

L'Shalom - in peace,
Fr. Andrew



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MASSES & OFFICE HOURS

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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

September 28th-29th; 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Numbers 11:25-29
Reading II: James 5:1-6
Gospel: Mark 9:38-43,45, 47-48



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

September 28th-29th; 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – † Marie Conlon (1st Anniversary)
Sunday 9am – † Joseph Giordani (1st Anniversary)
Sunday 11:15am – † Jeanne Jacques



STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

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**

9:00am-Kindergarten-Grades 1 (Church Hall Classroom)
10:00am- Grade 2 (Student Center Prayer Rm)
10:00am- Grade 3 (Library Student Center)
10:00am- Grades 4 & 5 (Church Hall)

Please contact Ann McGurty for more information

Middle School Youth Ministry & High School Youth Ministry

10:00am-Middle School (Grades 6-8) Gym –See MS Calendar
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

LIFE– Living In Faith Everyday

COME AND SEE (OCIA) **Formerly RCIA**

If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church, and wonder what the Church teaches; *what the Sacraments, especially Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist really mean; and what it means to practice the Catholic faith, it is not too late!* Contact **Derick Alexandre** (unhstm@gmail.com) or call 603-868-2666 ext. 113 or **Roberta MacBride** at 603-868-2666 ext. 115, (stmpastoralmin@comcast.net) to begin the conversation.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Ed Donnelly

Barbara Farrington

Peter Farrington

Dot Meneghin

Susan Whitworth

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



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

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

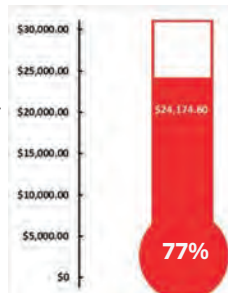
Help us reach our goal!

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.



OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for September 15th **\$4,846.00**

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



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

Now that our Fall schedules are set, perhaps you have some extra time to give to our pantry. Your faith can be shown by helping those in need.

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 we can use

- Paper towels and napkins



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.



Prayer Shawl Meeting, Wednesday, October 2 at 11:30am in the library.



"The Lord upholds my life." He indeed is our strength and foundation. Pray and ask him sincerely if he could be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. 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 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



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.



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



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



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



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 22-28

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY 9/22 STUDENT MASS 5pm, followed by supper.

TUESDAY 9/24 Men's Group 7pm Lighthouse

Women's Group 7pm Sarah's Apartment

WEDNESDAY 9/25 CSO All Student Meeting 7pm-MUB 162

THURSDAY 9/26 Food Pantry 4-6pm

FRIDAY 9/27 CSO Board Meeting 5:30-6:30pm
Adoration, 7pm STM Church

DID YOU KNOW?

The fish, or ICHTHUS, is the symbol used by early Christians to identify themselves in times of persecution. In Greek, ICHTHUS (ΙΧΘΥΣ) is a monogram for the first five letters of the words "Jesus Christ Son of God, Savior."

UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Sunday, September 22nd	5pm
Sunday, September 29th	5pm
Sunday, October 6th	5pm
Sunday, October 13th	HOLIDAY

A Homecooked meal to follow Student Masses!

This year's Fall Retreat will take place at St. Anselm Abbey in Manchester, NH on Saturday, November 2nd. Mark your calendars!!



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September 24- John Henry Newman (d. 1890). Convert from Anglicanism. Cardinal. Wrote a famous spiritual autobiography. Wrote about the development of doctrine.

September 26- Paul VI (d. 1978) Presided over most of Vatican II. Last Pope to

receive papal coronation. Wrote about evangelization and natural reproductive methods.

September 27- Vincent de Paul (d. 1660) Champion of the poor. Advisor to royalty. Founded the Daughters of Charity. Numerous charitable societies are named after him.



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 25th at 7:00pm at the MUB 162*

*Sunday Mass with Supper to Follow
September 29th at 5pm*

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