

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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September 29, 2024 **Twenty-Sixth 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 29, 2024
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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.*

God's Good Earth



Creator God, look upon your planet Earth; help us to know that all nations belong to one great family, your children all. Please grant us your vision and give us the grace to work unceasingly for a peaceful future.

The great French writer, Charles Peguy, wrote a lovely poem which shows God contemplating his work at the beginning of creation, the brand-new world which had just emerged from his hands:

*And God himself, both young and eternal,
looked upon the flower of youth.
Like a father, he looked with paternal eye on
the world, gathered together like a humble
village.*

*And God himself, both young and eternal,
looked upon time and age.
Like a father, he looked with paternal eye on
the world, laid out like a beautiful village.*

*And God himself, both young and eternal,
looked upon time and space.
Calmly, gazing down with paternal affection,
he saw the image of God.*

May the Lord dispose of all our days and deeds in peace.

Fr. Andrew

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MASSES & OFFICE HOURS

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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

October 5th-6th; 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Genesis 2:18-24
Reading II: Hebrews 2:9-11
Gospel: Mark 10:2-16



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

October 5th-6th; 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – † John Gordon
Sunday 9am – † Stena MacBride
Sunday 11:15am – † Joan Donelan (1st Anniversary)



STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Classes begin Sunday, September 29th.

CLASSES BEGIN OCTOBER 29th!

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

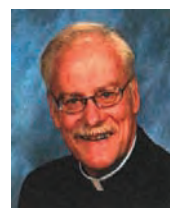
Please contact Ann McGurty for more information

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.



OFFERTORY UPDATE:



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

Offertory for September 22nd **\$4,699.00**

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



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

Our Food Pantry serves families from a size of one to a size of eight. The Pantry helps to make a difference with both the donations of food and the time our volunteers give to help the patrons. We have room for more volunteer help especially as the holiday season is approaching.

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

- Fall baking spices
- Brownie Mix
- Powdered Sugar or Brown Sugar



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



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Ed & Helen Donnelly
Barbara Farrington

Peter Farrington
Dot Meneghin

Susan Whitworth

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



ST. FRANCIS' BLESSING PETS & ANIMALS



Sun, Oct 6th

1pm Church back lawn

The Feast of St. Francis reminds us that all creation is a sacred gift and we are responsible to respect and care for all life.

On Oct 6th, we will celebrate all creation with special music, prayers, and environment at all Masses, as well as our STM tradition of Blessing of Animals/Pets at 1pm on the back lawn or in the gym if it rains.

BRING PETS ON A LEASH OR IN A CAGE (no snakes, please)

Fr. Andy will lead prayer & bless all pets by name.

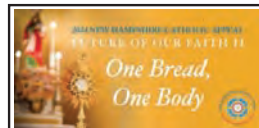
Pet food donations for the food pantry accepted.



Christmas Fair Volunteers Needed!

"Summer is over, fall is here, and before you know it the holidays will be upon us. It is now time to start **planning for the Christmas Craft Fair** which will be on December 7th this year. The initial planning meeting is scheduled for **October 7th, at**

6:30pm. We are seeking all interested volunteers, both past and present, to please attend if interested. Last year's fair was a huge success and we wouldn't be able to do it without you! If you have any questions, please reach out to Kara Kane (603-767-9837)."



St. Thomas More goal is **\$31,105.00**
As of September 22nd we have raised **\$24,284.60**

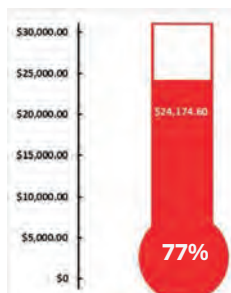
Help us reach our goal!

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



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 29-October 5th

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY 9/29 STUDENT MASS 5pm, followed by supper.

MONDAY 9/30 Crossroads Meal 6:30pm Student Center

TUESDAY 10/1 Men's Group 7pm Lighthouse

Women's Group 7pm Sarah's Apartment

WEDNESDAY 10/2 CSO All Student Meeting 7pm-MUB 162

THURSDAY 10/3 Food Pantry 4-6pm

FRIDAY 10/4 CSO Board Meeting 5:30-6:30pm

Adoration, 7pm STM Church

DID YOU KNOW?

While there is no definitive "head count," based on history, the Roman martyrology, and Orthodox sources, scholars estimate that there are over 10,000 saints and beati ("blesses ones").

UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Sunday, September 29th	5pm
Sunday, October 6th	5pm
Sunday, October 13th	HOLIDAY
Sunday, October 20th	5pm

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!!



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
October 2nd at 7:00pm at the MUB 162*

*Sunday Mass with Supper to Follow
October 6th at 5pm*

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October 2—Feast of the Guardian Angels

October 4—Francis of Assisi (d. 1226) Totally dedicated to poverty and the poor. Mystic and Stigmatist. Founded the Francis-

can mendicant order. Established the first creche. Had dialogue with Muslim rulers.

October 5—Faustina Kowalska (d. 1938). Polish nun. Had visions of Christ. Established the Divine Mercy devotion. Her autobiography is a spiritual classic.



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