

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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October 6, 2024 **Twenty-Seventh 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.

October 6, 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.*

The People's Saint

October 4th marked the feast of a saint much-loved all around the world: Saint Francis of Assisi: God's troubadour, ecologist and peacemaker.



As the Church celebrated one of her most beloved saints, I recall fondly some of my visits to Assisi. I especially recall a retreat I made in 1992 with our late Bishop Leo E. O'Neil and the impact St. Francis had on us with his profound twist in God's providence.

Most especially, Saint Francis was a man of peace. May his example encourage us to renounce violence in every form and embrace the vision of the Gospel: *"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God."* This is St. Francis's legacy to all of us.

L'Shalom - in peace,
Fr. Andrew

**Lord make us Instruments
of your Peace**



OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for September 29th **\$5,000.00**

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

CHURCH OF SAINT THOMAS MORE

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MASSES & OFFICE HOURS

WEEKEND MASSES

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

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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

October 12th-13th; 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Wisdom 7:7-11
Reading II: Hebrews 4:12-13
Gospel: Mark 10:17-30



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

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

October 12th-13th; 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – † Marci Erickson
Sunday 9am – † Peter Johnson
Sunday 11:15am – † Leonard Attisano



STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Classes have begun!

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

Registration for all grades for Fall classes are still 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

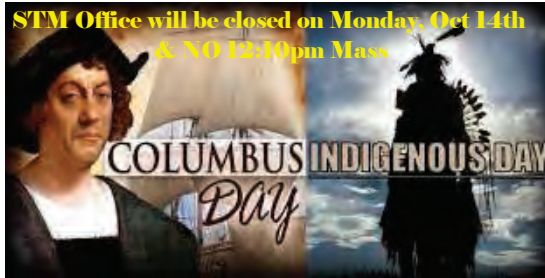
10:00am-Middle School (Grades 6-8) Gym -See MS Calendar

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

**STM Office will be closed on Monday, Oct 14th
& NO 12:10pm Mass**



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

As the weather turns a bit cooler, our numbers typically increase. Your continued contribution to our weekly ask is most appreciated.

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 details. 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
- Paper Towels
- Paper Towels

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.



200 Club

Fall foliage is bringing bright color to our world,
And the 200 Club September drawing brought green
\$\$ to the world of



*Regina Leahy
Inge Judge
Kathleen O'Shea*

CONGRATULATIONS

There's plenty of time to become a new member or renew your membership before the October drawing on 10/27/24.

Subscription options are as follows: As the 200 club year ends in January, new or renewal of 'annual' and 'semi-annual' subscriptions in October are \$70.

Quarterly subscriptions are \$50.

200 Club enrollment forms for October are available at the entrances to the church.

Or 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

A special note of thanks to all those who have supported and continue to support the club. You have made a difference!!



*Christmas
Fair
Volunteers
Needed!*

**CHRISTMAS FAIR:
Saturday, Dec 7th**

"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**

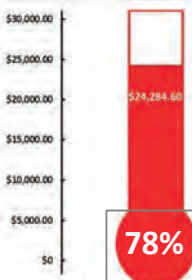
As of September 22nd we have raised
\$24,284.60

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. 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.

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 October 6th-October 12th

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY 10/6 STUDENT MASS 5pm, followed by supper.

TUESDAY 10/8 Men's Group 7pm Lighthouse

Women's Group 7pm Sarah's Apartment

WEDNESDAY 10/9 CSO All Student Meeting 7pm-MUB 162

THURSDAY 10/10 Food Pantry 4-6pm

FRIDAY 10/11 CSO Board Meeting 5:30-6:30pm

Adoration, 7pm STM Church

DID YOU KNOW?

Over the past 100 years, the number of Catholics around the world has tripled from 291 million in 1910 to 1.1 billion in 2010. Percentage wise, the population has remained relatively stable, constituting 17% of the world population in 1910 and 16% in 2010.^[3]

UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Sunday, October 6th	5pm
Sunday, October 13th	HOLIDAY
Sunday, October 20th	5pm
Sunday, October 27th	5pm

A Homecooked meal to follow Student Masses!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS-

The Halloween Hootenanny will take place on Saturday October 26th in the student center. Come for dancing, games, costumes, and food!



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October 11th— John XXIII (d. 1963) Beloved Pope. Shocked the world by calling the Second Vatican Council. His diary *Journal of a Soul* became a spiritual classic. Addressed his encyclical *Pacem in Terris* to all people of good will.

October 14— Blessed Carlo Acutis (d. 2006). Champion of the disabled and the mistreated. Lover of computers. Proved that ordinary young men and women can become saints. Offered his sufferings from leukemia to the Lord for the salvation of souls.



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 9th at 7:00pm at the MUB 162

Sunday Mass with Supper to Follow
October 20 at 5pm

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