

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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October 20, 2024 **Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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SUNDAY LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:15 am & Sunday 5pm Mass

WEEKDAY MASS

12:10pm Mass Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

OFFICE HOURS

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.

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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.*

"Let Evening Come"

Good poems often serve as prayers. Jane Kenyon's "**Let Evening Come**" is a fall favorite. It reads like a litany. The opening words "Let the light" evoke the book of Genesis where God says "Let there be light."

Let Evening Come

by Jane Kenyon

*Let the light of late afternoon
shine through chinks in the barn, moving
up the bales as the sun moves down.*

*Let the cricket take up chafing
as a woman takes up her needles
and her yarn. Let evening come.*

*Let dew collect on the hoe abandoned
in long grass. Let the stars appear
and the moon disclose her silver horn.*

*Let the fox go back to its sandy den.
Let the wind die down. Let the shed
go black inside. Let evening come.*

*To the bottle in the ditch, to the scoop
in the oats, to air in the lung
let evening come.*

*Let it come, as it will, and don't
be afraid. God does not leave us
comfortless, so let evening come.*

Let us rejoice in unlikely moments and remember
"God does not leave us comfortless."

L'Shalom - in peace,
Fr. Andrew



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MASSES & OFFICE HOURS

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October 19th-20th; 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Isaiah 53:10-11
Reading II: Hebrews 4:14-16
Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

October 26th-27th; 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Jeremiah 31:7-9
Reading II: Hebrews 5:1-6
Gospel: Mark 10:46-52



October 19th-20th; 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – † Tina Dell'Olio
Sunday 9am – Asuncion Lucero (90th Birthday)
Sunday 11:15am – † Leonard Attisano

October 26th-27th; 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – † Thomas Shey
Sunday 9am – † Deceased STM Parishioners
Sunday 11:15am – † Leonard Attisano



STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

**Faith Formation resumes Sunday,
October 20th**

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)

Middle School Youth Ministry & High School Youth Ministry

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

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

LIFE– Living In Faith Everyday

Our Parish Faith Formation children are making up Thanksgiving Blessing Bags for our soldiers arriving at Pease and nursing home residents at Riverwoods (Durham), Brookdale at Sprucewood and Carriage Hill.

Donations being accepted!

We need your help!

We are collecting **Individually wrapped:**

- Pretzels
- M & M's
- Candy corn
- Sun Flowers
- Hershey Kisses
- Buggles
- Mini Boxes of Raisins



**All remaining snack food will be given to the
food Pantry**

Please drop off at the Parish Office by November 7, 2024

Please note Faith Formation on the box or bag.

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.



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update – Getting ready for the holidays!

Please help us add items to the Thanksgiving baskets we help with such as themed napkins, candles and dinner mints. As you are on the hunt for Thanksgiving items, look for Christmas themed items as well as the Pantry provides baskets for this holiday to our patrons and other community members 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 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
- Napkins
- Wet wipes



200 Club

October's bright blue weather is here, and Halloween is on the way!

The next 200 Club drawing will be on October 27th.

Having a number will make sure that you have a ghost of a chance to win!

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!!



Mark Your Calendars

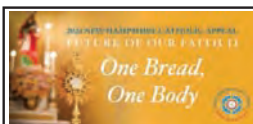


**STM Christmas Fair will be on
Saturday, December 7th 9-2pm**

More information on the following page.



"What do you wish for me to do for you?" Listen closely to your heart. Is God calling you to consider a vocation to the priesthood or religious life? Let the grace of prayer encourage you. Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Matt Mason, the Vocations Director at 603-663-0196 or mmason@rcbm.org.



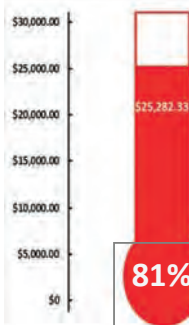
St. Thomas More goal is **\$31,105.00**
As of September 22nd we have raised
\$25,282.33
Help us reach our goal!

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.



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.



*Christmas
Fair
Volunteers
Needed!*

STM Christmas Fair
Saturday, Dec 7, 2024

The STM Christmas Fair is one of our biggest Fundraisers for the parish and **we need your help!**

The Christmas Fair is in dire need of volunteers and chairpersons for the various tables and activities at the fair: White Elephant, Bake Table, Basket Raffle, Pets, Jewelry, Accessories, Crafts, Set-up and Clean-up, etc... We are also looking for someone who would be interested in assisting with advertising/ promotion. Please contact

Kara Kane directly before October 31st at 603-767-9837

if you are able to assist with one of these roles. **WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HAVE THE FAIR THIS YEAR.**

If you are able to help with raffle prize donations and/or gift baskets, all donations will be greatly appreciated. Monetary gifts are also accepted as we can use these to purchase raffle items. Many businesses will donate items at this time of year, so please check to see if your company participates in charitable giving.

THANK YOU!



DONATIONS NEEDED for Thanksgiving Baskets!
It's that time of year to open our hearts and share our bounty...

ABSOLUTELY NEED:

- 120 CANS of Pie Filling
- 50 Brownie mixes AND 50 Cake Mixes with Frosting
- 60 Jars of Pickles AND 60 jars of Olives
- 100 Jars or cans of turkey gravy
- 100 Bottle of Salad Dressing
- 100 Aluminum Roasting Pans & Napkins (Thanksgiving Themed if possible)
- Candy
- ALSO NEED: Cash or gift cards (for fresh food, etc.)

The front doors of the Student Center are always open and ready for donations!

We could use your donations ASAP to ensure enough food for all of the basket requests this year. We appreciate all donations by **Sunday, November 10th.**

THANK YOU!

2023: Almost 100 baskets were made thanks to your generosity!



ALL SOULS DAY REMEMBRANCE

of our deceased parishioners buried from St. Thomas More this past year is included in the Saturday 5pm Liturgy (*Sunday Vigil Mass*) on November 2, 2024.



Charlie Kavanaugh

Anna Failla

Barbara Hanna

Jud Porter

Carol Ober

Mary Stumhofer

Theresa York

Peter McElroy

The BOOK of REMEMBRANCE is enthroned in the Church throughout November.

May our continued prayers bring you and your family comfort and healing.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Week of October 20th-October 26th

WEEKLY EVENTS

TUESDAY 10/22 Men's Group 7pm Lighthouse

Women's Group 7pm Sarah's Apartment

WEDNESDAY 10/23 CSO All Student Meeting 7pm-MUB 162

THURSDAY 10/24 Food Pantry 4-6pm

FRIDAY 10/25 CSO Board Meeting 5:30-6:30pm

Adoration, 7pm STM Church

SATURDAY 10/26 Halloween Hootenanny 7pm Student Center

DID YOU KNOW?

Brazil has more Catholics than any other country with close to 127 million, or 11.7% of the world's Catholic population. It is followed by Mexico (96 million), the Philippines (76 million), the U.S. (75 million), Italy, (49 million), Columbia (38 million), France (38 million).

UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Sunday, October 20th	5pm
Sunday, October 27th	5pm
Sunday, November 3rd	5pm
Sunday, November 10th	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 23rd— John of Capistrano (d. 1456).
Soldier Saint. Scourge of Heretics.

October 24th- Saint Anthony Mary Claret (d. 1870). Archbishop, Missionary, Confessor to the Spanish Queen Isabella II.

Founder of the Claretian Missionaries.

October 26th—Peter of Alcantara (d. 1562) Part of the Spanish Counter-Reformation. Avid penitent and founder of the Alcantarine branch of the Franciscans. Confessor to Teresa of Avila.



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 23rd at 7:00pm at the MUB 162

Sunday Mass with Supper to Follow
October 27th at 5pm

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