

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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October 27, 2024 **Thirtieth 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 & Wednesday

**Funeral Mass for Rosemary Maciolek on
Tuesday, Nov 29th at 11am**

Friday ALL SAINTS 12:10pm & 7pm

OFFICE HOURS

Tues, Thurs: 9-3pm, & Wed 9-1pm **Closed Friday**

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.

October 27, 2024
Thirtieth 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.*



Holy Souls' Month

Understandably, we feel closer to the dead, whom we celebrate on All Souls, than to the saints, whom we celebrate on All Saints' Day—after all, we have known the dead when they were with us in the flesh, we have lived or worked close to them.

Our Christian approach to death is wonderfully summed up in the Preface of the Mass of the Dead. The Preface used at a Mass of Christian burial, is full of comfort, compassion and mystery:

"Life is changed, not ended. When the body of our earthly dwelling lies in death, we gain an everlasting dwelling place in heaven." (Christian Death, I)

Saint Paul expresses this wonderful truth when he says: "If Christ is risen, so too are all who die in Christ." So my dear friends, this month we commend to God the souls of those who have been buried from this Church and all who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

*In the peace of Christ,
Fr. Andrew*



OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for October 13th **6,771.48**

Offertory for October 20th **\$3,834.25**

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

November 2nd -3rd; 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Deuteronomy 6:2-6
Reading II: Hebrews 7:23-28
Gospel: Mark 12:28b-34



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

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

November 2nd -3rd; 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – † Johnson & McNulty Family
Sunday 9am – † Jud & Carolyn Porter
Sunday 11:15am – † June Murphy



STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Faith Formation classes this Sunday

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



ALL SAINTS DAY MASSES

Friday November 1, 2024

12:10pm & 7pm

Holy Day of Obligation

Our Parish Faith Formation children and their families are making up **Thanksgiving Blessing Bags** for our soldiers & our 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.



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

"Come to Worship, Go to Serve." This is the statement in our church as you leave to go back into our world. You don't have to go far, however, to serve. Our Food Pantry is getting busier each week with new patrons and deliveries to put away plus the holidays fast approaching. If you want to be part of our team, we typically have 3-4 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
- Herbal teas
- Juices – full size

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.



Ask...
you shall receive



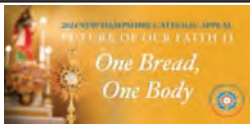
Mark Your Calendars

**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 October 27th we have raised
\$25,292.33

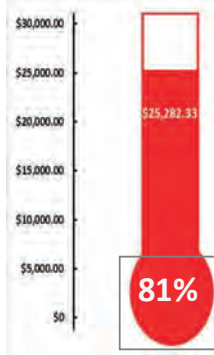
Help us reach our goal!

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

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!

Thanksgiving Food Baskets



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

Garrett Imperio
Rosemary Maciolek

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 27th-November 3rd

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAY 10/28 Crossroads Meal 6:30pm Student Center

TUESDAY 10/29 Men's, Women's Groups 7pm –Student Center

WEDNESDAY 10/30 CSO All Student Meeting MUB 162

THURSDAY 10/31 Food Pantry 4-6pm

FRIDAY 11/1 CSO Board Meeting 5:30-6:30pm

SATURDAY 11/2 CSO Fall Retreat, 9:00am-4:00pm Saint Anselm College

DID YOU KNOW?

The Sedlec Ossuary ("Church of Bones") is a small Roman Catholic Chapel in the Czech Republic. It uses 40,000–70,000 human skeletons as decorations.^[6]

UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Sunday, October 27th 5pm

Sunday, November 3rd 5pm

Sunday, November 10th 5pm

Sunday, November 17th 5pm

A Homecooked meal to follow Student Masses!

SEEK Conference– Washington, DC Jan. 2-5, 2025.

For registration information, go to seekfocus.org or contact Derick (dalexandre@outlook.com)



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NOVEMBER 1st– SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS!–

Holy Day of Obligation

NOVEMBER 2nd- FEAST OF ALL SOULS.– a wonderful opportunity to pray for deceased loved ones.

November 3rd–Martin de Porres (d. 1639). Peruvian. One of the first indigenous saints to be canonized. His charity extended to all races. Cared for slaves. Many miracles resulted from his closeness to God.



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 30th at 7:00pm at the MUB 162

Sunday Mass with Supper to Follow
November 3rd at 5pm

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