

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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November 3, 2024 **Thirty-First 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.

For Parish Registration call 603-868-2666 or visit stmdurham.org.

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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.*

A November Poem

Ronald Stuart Thomas was the leading Welsh poet of the 20th century. He died in September, 2000. In 1996, he was nominated for the Nobel Prize in Literature. He lost out to Seamus Heaney who delivered the eulogy at the Westminster Abbey memorial tribute.

My favorite R.S. Thomas poem is "The Belfry", and November is the month to ponder its message.

The Belfry



*I have seen it standing up grey,
Gaunt, as though no sunlight
Could ever thaw out the music
Of its great bell; terrible
In its own way, for religion
Is like that. There are times
When a black frost is upon
One's whole being, and the heart
In its bone belfry hangs and is
dumb.*

*But who is to know? Always
Even in winter in the cold
Of a stone church, on his knees
Someone is praying, whose prayers fall
Steadily through the hard spell
Of weather that is between God
And himself. Perhaps they are warm rain
That brings the sun and afterwards flowers
On the raw graves and the throbbing of bells.*

- R.S. Thomas

May we always be open to the grace of God which is bigger than our imagination or expectation.

*Blessings,
Fr. Andrew*

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MASSES & OFFICE HOURS

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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

November 9th-10th; 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: 1 Kings: 17:10-16
Reading II: Hebrews 9:24-28
Gospel: Mark 12:38-44



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

November 9th-10th; 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – ☩ Christine Mason
Sunday 9am – ☩ Robert Rush, Sr.
Sunday 11:15am – ☩ Jud Porter



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

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 10, 2024

Please note Faith Formation on the box or bag.

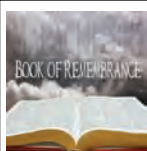


Mark Your Calendars

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

More information on the following page.

Planning Meeting will be in the gym,
Sunday, Nov. 10th at 10 am (Between Masses)



Remember your deceased loved ones
by recording their names in our
Book of Remembrance
throughout the month of November.



OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for October 27th **4,378.00**

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



200 Club

There were no tricks just treats for the
October 200 Club Winners.

Congratulations to...

Jeri Zezula
Carol Prescott
Kim & Ray Brandin



There's plenty of time to become a new member or renew your membership before the November 24th drawing.

Subscription options are as follows: As the 200 club year ends in January, new or renewal of 'annual' and 'semi-annual' subscriptions in November are \$50.

200 Club enrollment forms for November 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 603-767-3578

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



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

Our first month of the Fall Season has been very busy. We are averaging 32 families per session with new patrons signing up each week. This increase isn't surprising given the upward trend we have been experiencing since the beginning of the summer. We appreciate your continued support in the form of volunteering or giving of food or gift cards.

Please read the announcement about the items for the Thanksgiving Baskets and our need for Thanksgiving turkeys.

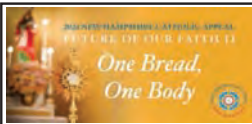
If you want to be part of our team, we typically have three - four opportunities each week. Just contact Regina at rasamom3@comcast.net and I'll send you the details. No need to commit to an entire week or to every week; many of our volunteers pick one opportunity each week to assist in our mission or just once or twice a month.

This week, we can use

- * Cinnamon and nutmeg
- * Powdered sugar
- * Ziploc type bags or sandwich bags



"You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Are you being called to love the Lord with an undivided heart as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your parish priest.



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

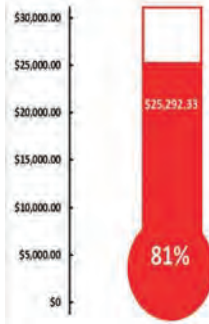
As of October 27th we have raised **\$25,292.33**. Help us reach our goal!

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.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Will meet on Wed, Nov. 6, 2024, at 11:30 am in the Student Center library.



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



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 at 603-767-9837** if you are able to assist with one of these roles.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

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!**



GOBBLEGOBBLE!!

TURKEY SHORTAGE THIS YEAR!!

If you can help us by pledging to buy a frozen turkey to help support our Thanksgiving Baskets, it would be greatly appreciated! We are limited on freezer space so we need the turkeys delivered on Saturday, Nov. 16 between 8-10:30 AM! If you can pledge a small (8-11 lb) Medium (12-15 lb) or Large (15-18 lb) turkey, please email Doris Gianforte, dbgianfort@gmail.com email or call or text **603-557-3346** Thank you!



THANKSGIVING PIE

FUNDRAISER



The CSO students are currently taking orders for Apple & Pumpkin Pies for Thanksgiving.

\$12 per pie or 2 pies for \$20

All orders must be received by **Monday, November 11th** Forms are available at the entrances of Church.

Pick up pies on Mon, Nov. 25th & Tues, Nov. 26th

ORDER FORM due by **Monday, Nov. 11** (please complete this form and mail or bring in person with money)

\$12 per pie or 2 pies for \$20 Apple Pie # _____
Pumpkin Pie # _____

I am paying by (check one): cash _____ check _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Come by the **Catholic Student Center** (next to the Church) on **Monday, Nov 25th between 1pm-6pm** or **Tuesday the 26th between 1pm-6pm** to pick up your pies! Thank you for your choice to help support the Catholic Student Organization at UNH. Have a blessed holiday season!





CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Week of November 4th-10th

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAY 11/4 OCIA 8pm Student Center

TUESDAY 11/5 Men's Group-Lighthouse 7pm

Women's Group-Sarah's Apartment 7pm

WEDNESDAY 11/6 CSO All Student Meeting MUB 162

THURSDAY 11/7 Food Pantry 4-6pm

FRIDAY 11/8 CSO Board Meeting 5:30-6:30pm

Adoration, 7pm STM Church

DID YOU KNOW?

A few months after Pope Formosus (815–896) died, his cadaver was exhumed, dressed in papal vestments, put on trial for political disagreements, and judged to be unworthy of the papacy. His papal edicts were deemed invalid, the fingers he used to perform sacraments were cut off, and his body was tossed into the Tiber River. .

UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Sunday, November 10th	NO MASS
Sunday, November 17th	5pm
Sunday, November 24th	5pm
Sunday, November 31	Thanksgiving Break

A Homecooked meal to follow Student Masses!

The CSO celebrated a festive Halloween Hootenanny on October 26th. Lots of games, dancing, and wild costumes! A great fundraiser for our Catholic students.



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 November 6th at 7:00pm at the MUB 162

Sunday Mass with Supper to Follow
November 17th at 5pm

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November 9—Feast of the Lateran Basilica. Official church of the Pope in Rome. One of Four Major Papal Basilicas.

November 10— Pope St. Leo

the Great (d. 461). Champion of Christological Orthodoxy. His famous "Tome" helped to clarify that Jesus was fully divine and fully human. Two natures in union.



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