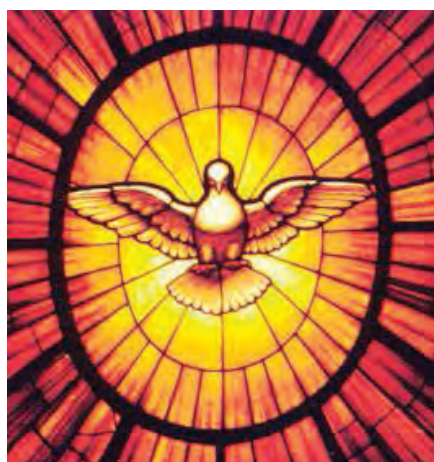


CHURCH OF ST THOMAS MORE

Confirmation and First Eucharist,

Confirmation



March 9, 2025
First Sunday of Lent

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.
Accompany us on our way, Lord Jesus, as we seek to share our Roman Catholic faith and life in your Spirit.

First Sunday of Lent

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new & right spirit within me.-

Psalm 51:10



“To err is human, to
forgive divine.”

If we have no desire to forgive someone, then the place to begin is with prayer for a desire - or even more basic, for a desire to have a desire. Here is one example of how to speak to God about it. Reword this prayer to fit the circumstances of your particular situation and say the name of the person who hurt you:

Lord, even though I hate N., I realize that deliberately wanting to hold on to such hate is not healthy, nor does it reflect the attitude and behavior that one of your disciples should have.

I admit my own helplessness in this matter. I trust in you and your power to help me to do that which I cannot do for myself. You know my heart is hardened against N. at present. You know that I have no desire to forgive. But I believe you can help me. If you could open the eyes of the blind and enable the crippled to walk, then you can surely soften and heal this heart of mine that is full of hate at present.

Have a blessed and forgiving Lent.

Fr. Andrew

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MASSES & OFFICE HOURS

WEEKEND MASSES

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

WEEKDAY MASS

12:10pm Mass Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tues, & Thurs 9-3pm & Wed 9-1pm **Closed Fri**



Stations of the Cross on Friday at 7pm



March 8th-9th; First Sunday of Lent

Reading I: Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Reading II: Romans 10:8-13
Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

March 15th-16th; Second Sunday of Lent

Reading I: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Reading II: Philippians 3:17-4:1
Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36



March 8th-9th; First Sunday of Lent

Saturday 5pm – † Paul Cardarople
Sunday 9am – † Carol Ober
Sunday 11:15am – † Bernice Kozyra

March 15th-16th; Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday 5pm – † Elaine McGurty
Sunday 9am – † Dorothy Kazor
Sunday 11:15am – † Leon Bouchard



STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Faith Formation Classes Resume March 9th

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

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

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



ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASS & DINNER

Mass will be on
Monday, March 17th at 5pm.
There will be a meal after Mass
in the Gym.



OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for March 2nd **\$ 6,977.00**

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



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

Our efforts to be more sustainable are seeing success as many of our patrons bring their reusable grocery bags with them on their visit. We are still pursuing our introduction of reusable spray bottles for use with cleaning concentrate which we will refill upon return. Need about 15 more empty 32oz. spray bottles.

As always, if you would like to join our team, contact Regina Smick-Attisano at rasamom3@comcast.net

This week, at the pantry, we have a need for:

- Wet wipes
- Brown sugar
- Popcorn packets



Please Pray for our OCIA
Catechumens:

Emily Hansen
MacKenzie Akbarieh
Aiden Deming, and their Godparents

who are preparing to receive their Easter Sacraments. We celebrate the **Rite of Sending for Election** to the Cathedral with Bishop Libsasci on the 1st Sunday of Lent, March 9, 2025 at 9:00am Mass.



Confirmation & First Eucharist

Please pray for our Faith Formation students receiving their Confirmation & First Eucharist on Tuesday, March 11th.

May they be filled with the Holy Spirit as they prepare to be Disciples of Christ and as they receive their Spiritual Food for the Journey.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ed Donnelly **Barbara Farrington** **Peter Farrington**
Dot Meneghin **Jody Newman** **Emma True Otterbein**
Kathy Thayer

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



200 Club Anniversary Drawing is this weekend!

New 200 Club member,

Please check the 200 Club Membership listings posted at the Church entrances for your assigned number.

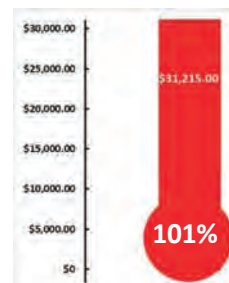
Winners to be announced in next week's bulletin.

Good luck to everyone!



WE MADE IT!

*Thank you to everyone who helped us reach our goal of **\$31,215.00***



MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGN

Our goal is **\$20,000.00**
Please help us reach our goal.
Currently we are at **\$15,899.00**

2025 Matching Gift Campaign is now officially begun and may run for approximately a few more weeks.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Please sign-up if you plan to attend



**ST. PATRICK'S DAY
DINNER**



Monday, March 17, 2025

**Mass at 5pm, dinner follows
6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center**

**Corned beef, Potatoes, Cabbage, and
Lemonade/Water will be provided.**



**Please Sign-up to bring a side
dish, dessert or help clean-up.**





CALENDAR OF EVENTS



March 10th-16th

MONDAY 3/10	OCIA 8pm STUDENT CENTER
TUESDAY 3/11	Women's Group, 7pm Gables Men's Group, 7pm Lighthouse
WEDNESDAY 3/12	CSO Meeting MUB 162
THURSDAY 3/13	Food Pantry 2:00-6:00pm
FRIDAY 3/14	Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm STM
SUNDAY 3/16	Rosary, 4:15p

UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Sunday, March 16th	SPRING BREAK
Sunday, March 23rd	SPRING BREAK
Sunday, March 30th	5pm
Sunday, April 6th	5pm

Home Cooked Meal to Follow All Student Masses!

A Friendly Reminder to Abstain from Meat on Fridays During Lent!

The First Week of Lent Sunday

Lord God,
you who breathed the spirit of life within me.
Draw out of me the light and life you created.
Help me to find my way back to you.
Help me to use my life to reflect your glory.
Amen



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March 13—Leander of Seville (d. 600)
Benedictine Monk. Bishop.
Introduced the Nicene Creed into the
Mass as a renewed critique of Arianism

March 17— St. Patrick. (d. 493) Patron of
Ireland. Converted the pagan Druids.
Wrote an autobiographical account of his
ministry. The subject of many colorful
Irish legends.



UNH Catholic Student Organization News for Spring 2025 Students

If you would like additional information, please contact
our **Campus Minister**,
Derick Alexandre—unhstm@gmail.com or
Sarah Hunton—sarah.hunton@unh.edu

Stay tuned for more exciting events happening this semester.

Hope to see you at the next meeting
March 12th at 7:00pm at the MUB 162

Sunday Mass
March 30th at 5pm

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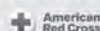
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