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A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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Marriage: Call office to schedule appointment at least six months prior.

Anointing of Sick: Call office anytime.

Inquiries & Reception in Catholic Faith (RCIA): Call Roberta ext. 115.

For parish registration information call 868-2666 or visit stmdurham.org.

SUNDAY LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm Sunday: 9:00 & 11:15 am (Sunday 5pm when UNH is in Session)

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday: 12:10 pm Mass times could change due to funerals. Call the office to confirm.

OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tues, Thurs: 9am-3pm, Wed: 9-1pm, CLOSED: Fridays

(If Center doors are closed, please ring doorbell)

SACRAMENTS

First Communion, First Reconciliation & Youth Confirmation:

Call Director of Faith Formation at 603-868-2666

March 20, 2022 3rd 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,

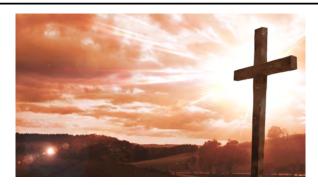
You belong to Jesus Christ and you belong to us!

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.



The Holy Cross

The crucifix hanging above our bed and in the church is not just an ornament. Every age depicts Christ on the cross in its own way. In the time of Charlemagne it was a king wearing a crown. The Middle Ages, was more realistic – Christ was presented in graphic and tortured form. Today, the figure is more composed – arms outstretched to embrace the whole world in love.

No single crucifix can represent all that Christ on the cross tells us. The crucifix is the ultimate expression of God's love for us, a love beyond which even God cannot go.

It is the ground of our hope; it alone gives meaning to our suffering. Saint Ignatius of Antioch in the very early years of the Church summed this up well:

"There are two different coinages, so to speak, in circulation. God's and the world's, each with its own distinctive marking. Unbelievers carry the stamp of the world, while the faithful bear the stamp of Jesus Christ and Him crucified."

If I were an artist, how would I depict Christ on the Cross?

May Christ give us strength, comfort, sustenance and hope~

Fr. Andrew

CHURCH OF SAINT THOMAS MORE

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MASSES & OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Public Masses this weekend at Saturday 5pm Sunday 9am, 11:15am

Weekday Mass Mon, Tues, & Wed 12:10pm Weekday Mass will be in the Church (Call the office to confirm)

Office hours (ring the door bell)

Mon, Tues & Thurs: 9am - 3pm, Wed: 9-1pm and Closed Fri.

March 19th-20th, 3rd Sunday of Lent

Reading I: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15 Reading II: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

March 26th-27th, 4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

Reading I: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12 Reading II: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



March 19th-20th, 3rd Sunday of Lent

Saturday 5pm− † Russell Smick Sunday, 9am − † Sr. Shawn Marie McDermott Sunday, 11:15am− St. Thomas More Parishioners

March 26th-27th, 4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

Saturday 5pm-♥ John DeMare Sunday, 9am-♥ Lionel Sylvester Sunday, 11:15am-♥ Fr. Gerald Auger



Faith Formation-Life Long Discipleship

Next Faith Formation Class - April 3rd

Weekly Classes for K-5:

Grades K-1-9:00am-Parish Hall (Church basement)

Grades 2-3-10:00am-Library/Prayer Room

Grades 4-5-10:00am-Parish Hall (Church basement)

MSYM- Next Class March 21st (Gym 6-7:30pm)

HSYM

Contact Felicia Sperry for more informationstmHSYM@gmail.com

Please contact Ann McGurty at 868-2666 or email stmfaith@comcast.net for more information.



Our High School Youth will be sponsoring our 6th Cardboard City March 19th-20th.

Each year our students sleep outside (regardless of weather) in their own decorated cardboard boxes to raise money for programs that deal with youth, social justice concerns and other community action programs.

Their goal is to make a difference by putting their "faith into action". Our teens will support a group which focuses on Human Trafficking, and help supply necessary items for victims of this terrible abuse.

Your prayers and donations, monetary support and gift cards are greatly appreciated. We are also looking for donations for "Bags of Love" which are given to all victims.

"BAGS OF LOVE"

ITEMS NEEDED: Shampoo & Conditioner, deodorant, band aids, small packages of Kleenex, hand sanitizer, hair brush/comb, tooth brush/tooth paste, soap (regular bar soap), shower slippers, and other items that may be useful. Handouts with info are available at church entrances/website.

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Loving God,

guide their choice.

We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid,

that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders. for compassion, strength, and wisdom to

We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.



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SAVE THE DATE

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2022, and those recently unable to participate due to COVID-19, to attend a *Wedding Anniversary Mass*. The Mass will be held on *Sunday, May 1, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.*, at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester.

To register, please contact your parish office by April 8, 2022.

Call the parish office to submit all necessary information. All registrants will receive an invitation to this special celebration. Congratulations to all you married couples! We look forward to seeing you this spring at the Wedding Anniversary Mass!

(Registration will remain open until we have reached capacity; please no guests.)

OUR JOURNEY FROM ASHES TO EASTER



Stations of the Cross on Fridays 7pm

Reconciliation is available Sat. 4pm and after Stations

Take time to reflect on daily scriptures in your bulletin/ website. There are baskets of nails available at church entrances, which can be carried as a remembrance of Christ's Passion during your Lenten journey.

Nails can be returned during veneration at the 7pm Good Friday Service.



PALMS & EASTER FLOWER OFFERING



Honor or remember loved ones with a donation for Palms/Easter Flowers. Envelopes are available on the church window sills and all entrances. Names will be posted in the bulletin.



ARE YOU FRIENDLY AND WELCOMING?
SHARE YOUR SPIRIT OF HOSPITALITY!
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Please contact the Parish office at 603-868-2666 Or contact Roberta MacBride at stmpastoralmin@comcast.net



IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR!

Call Ann McGurty (603-868-2666) or email (stmdurham@comcast.net) the parish office if you would like a tax letter for your 2021 contributions to STM. Please let me

know if you want it mailed, emailed, or if you are going to pick it up in person. It may take a few weeks to process, but I will try to get them out in a timely manner.

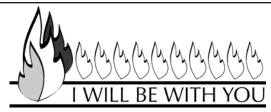
Thank you for your cooperation!





FEAST OF ST JOSEPH MARCH 19TH PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

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Food Pantry Needs

FOOD PANTRY

MANY THANKS to all of our Food Pantry volunteers for their dedication and service to our community.

We are grateful to all who have donated to our Food Pantry. Here are items needed in the pantry:

- *Pump Hand Soap
- *Dish Soap
- *Cleaning Supplies
- *Adult Diapers (ie Depends)

Food donations are always appreciated. Please drop off at the Student Center between the glass door entrance.

If you can help, please contact Cindy Racic at STMPantry@gmail.com

200 CLUB



March winds are blowing strong! If you're a 200 Club member, those winds could blow some winnings your way on Sunday, March 27.

Both enrollment and renewal are easy.

Subscription options are for 3, 6 or 12 months, at a cost of \$50, \$100 or \$200 respectively.

Simply write a check made payable to <u>St. Thomas More 200</u> <u>Club</u>. Don't forget to also <u>put 200 Club</u> 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



"I AM has sent me to you." Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (603) 663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS Week of March 21st-27th



MONDAY: Weekly newsletter via email.

TUESDAY: Community Lunch @ 1:00pm in HOCO on the 2nd floor.

WEDNESDAY: MUB Room 338 7:15pm Topic: Catholic Social Teaching-Call to Family, Community and

Participation

THURSDAY: Come and help at the Food Pantry-3:45-6:00pm in the Church Hall.

Any amount of time you can give is appreciated.

FRIDAY: Women's & Men's Groups. See the group chat. Stations of the Cross 7pm STM.

SATURDAY: Talent Show and Karaoke Night 6:30 at the STM Student Center.

SUNDAY: Rosary in the Student Center@ 4:15pm. Student Mass at 5pm, followed by Sunday Supper: Asian Temptations.

CSO Spring Social Activities

March 26th—Talent Show & Karaoke Night 6:30pm Student Center

<u>April 2nd</u>—CSO Spring Retreat, STM Student Center 9:30am-4:30pm

<u>April 9th</u>-PowerPoint Night (time TBD) Kingsbury Hall

<u>April 20th</u> – Dance Lessons 7:15pm-8:30pm STM Student Center

<u>April 22nd</u> –CSO Spring Formal Granite State Room 7-10:00pm

UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Sunday , March	27th*	5pm
Sunday, April	3rd	5pm
Sunday, April	10th*	5pm
Sunday, April	24th*	5pm
Sunday , May	1st	5pm

* Sunday Suppers

CHANGE THE WORLD EACH DAY CHALLENGE

<u>This week</u>– Spend your consumer dollar wisely- download the <u>Shop Ethical app</u>, recycle/donate your old cell phones, create a weekly menu before you go shopping to reduce food waste, smile at someone you don't know each day and call instead of texting.



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R N If you are studying in the College of Engineering and Physical Science, here are Patron saints of the various disciplines within CEPS.

St. Isidore of Seville-Patron saint of the internet and programmers.

St. Ferdinand IIIof Castlie - Patron saint of engineers.

St. Albert the Great-Patron saint of scientists.

St. Barbara- Patron saint of mathematicians.



UNH Catholic Student Organization News for Fall 2021 Students

If you would like additional information, please contact our Interim Campus Minister, Regina Smick-Attisano—unhstm@gmail.com or Julianne Edwards, CSO President at Julianne.Edwards@unh.edu.

Stay tuned for more exciting events happening this semester.

Hope to see you at the next event



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