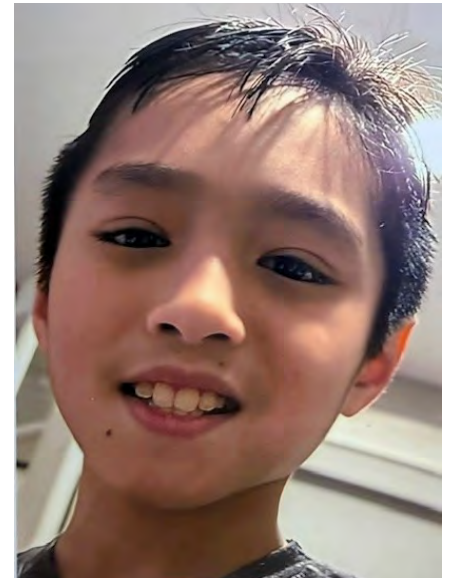


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Confirmation and First Eucharist,

Confirmation



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April 26, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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.



Prayer Times

This prayer is one of the collects from the Divine Office (Prime) which, from the sixth century on, was said just after dawn:

Prayer at the Beginning of the Day

*Almighty God, you have given us this day:
strengthen us with your power
and keep us from falling into sin,
so that whatever we say or think or do
may be in your service and for the
sake of your kingdom.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Prayer at the End of the Day

*O my God, I thank you for all the benefits
which I have ever received from you,
and especially this day.*

*Give me light to see what sins I have committed,
and grant me grace to be truly sorry for them.*

(Here, examine your conscience for the faults you have committed during the day.)

I commend my spirit;

Lord Jesus, receive my soul.

*May our Blessed Lady, Saint Joseph,
Saint Thomas More and all the Angels and Saints
pray for us to God,
that our home may be preserved this night from
danger and all evil.*

May the Lord God bless us and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

Fr. Andrew

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MASSES & OFFICE HOURS

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5pm (Last UNH Mass May 3rd)

WEEKDAY MASS

12:10pm MASS ON TUES & WED

NO 12:10PM MASS ON MONDAY APRIL 27TH

OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tues & Thurs 9-3pm & Wed: 9-1pm & **Closed Friday**
Food Pantry-Thursday 4-6pm



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Will be offered this Friday in the Church 7-8pm

April 25th-26th; Fourth Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36-41

Reading II: 1 Peter 2:20b-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

May 2nd-3rd; Fifth Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

Reading II: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: Luke 14:1-12



April 25th-26th; Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday 5pm –† Anna Hayden

Sunday 9am –† Shirley Lafler (1st Anniversary)

Sunday 11:15am –† Christopher McDowell (1st Anniversary)

May 2nd-3rd; Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday 5pm –† Rev. Robert Lakas, S.J.

Sunday 9am –† Noel Austin (1st Anniversary)

Sunday 11:15am –† Carol Manning



OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for April 19th **\$5,068.50**

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



We begin the **NH Catholic Appeal** this weekend **April 25th-26th**,

St. Thomas More's Diocesan goal this year is **\$34,448.00**

Help us reach our goal!

Thank you to all who have contributed in the past. Feel free to take an envelope, complete it and **mail it directly to 2026 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

Meets on **Tuesday, May 5, 2026**
at **11:30** in the student center library
All interested in knitting & crocheting are welcome!

Piano Concert by Lucas Nering

Friday, May 22, 2026
6:00pm

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Reception will follow in Community Church Hall



Confirmation & First Eucharist

Please pray for our Faith Formation students receiving their Confirmation & First Eucharist on Monday, April 27th

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



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Bishop Libasci invites couples celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, etc. years of marriage in 2026 to a Mass in celebration of wedding anniversaries. The Mass will be held on **Sunday, June 7, at 2:00 p.m. at Saint Joseph Cathedral, Manchester**. To register, please contact your parish office by **May 15th**. The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all couples will receive a mailed invitation to this special celebration. To those celebrating significant anniversary years, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at the Cathedral this summer!



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

April showers bring May flowers and the end of the UNH semester which means several of our volunteers will be leaving. Please think about what amount of time you might be able to give to help fill this gap in the coming months. Your time is especially needed on Thursday afternoons for a variety of tasks such as set-up, help with distribution of food to the patrons, help patrons get their food to their cars and clean up.

Please let me know if this sounds like something that interests you; I can provide the details. Contact me at rasamom3@comcast.net.

This week, at the pantry, we need the following items:

- Toilet paper
- Dish liquid
- Mustard



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING A MINISTER OF HOSPITALITY TO WELCOME PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS TO OUR COMMUNITY?

We are in need of Ushers & Greeters, for all Masses, especially on Sundays at 9am & 11:15am. If interested, please contact Ann McGurty at the office at 603-868-2666.
Training will be provided.



SAVE THE DATE

We need your help!
Saturday, May 9th from 9:30am-3pm

We are having our annual Spring Clean-Up (inside and outside) the Church.

Sign-ups are available at the main entrance of the Church next weekend.

Please come out and join in the fun!



JESUS, *I trust in You!*

Reflecting the love of God through the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal

Generosity is a central theme in the Bible, reflecting the love of God. Saint Leo the Great writes “If God is love, charity should know no limit, for God cannot be confined.” In the spirit of mercy and love, please consider giving a gift to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal which supports those in need and provides for the ministries that assist in growing our faith in our state.

Thanks to your generosity, the NHCA supports the following ministries:

- Community Services program at Catholic Charities NH which provides compassionate guidance and support to New Hampshire residents facing dire situations or hardships
- Seminarian education and formation and support of the permanent diaconate
- Care for our retired priests
- Catholic education
- Vibrant parishes
- Evangelization and catechesis in the home with *Parable Magazine*
- Faith Formation through campus ministry and Totus Tuus
- Multicultural Ministry
- Catholic cemeteries

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**We love because
he first loved us.**

1 John 4:19

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To donate or learn more about the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal, visit our website at: www.catholicnh.org/nhca or scan the QR code



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



April 27th-May 3rd

April 28— Women’s Group. 7pm. Gables

Men’s Group. 7pm. Lighthouse.

April 29— Senior Sendoff. 6pm. Student Center

April 30-- Food Pantry 2-6pm

May 1— Adoration, 7pm, STM

May 3— Rosary 4:15p

UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Last Student Mass Sunday May 3rd—5pm

NO STUDENT MASSES DURING THE SUMMER!!!

HAVE A BLESSED VACATION AND DON’T FORGET YOUR PRAYER AND SACRAMENTAL LIFE—AND OUR DUTY TO SERVE THE POOR!

GOOD LUCK WITH FINALS. STUDY HARD AND REMEMBER THE GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOLARS WHO CAME BEFORE YOU.

DID YOU KNOW?

Ascension Day for the year 2026 is celebrated/ observed on **Thursday, May 14th**. Ascension Thursday is held on a Thursday 39 days (40th day of Easter) after Easter Sunday. In our diocese, Ascension Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation. In many other parts of the country, this Feast is moved to the following Sunday.



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May 1—St, Joseph the Worker.

May 2-Athanasius (d. 373). Bishop of Alexandria. Ardent defender of orthodoxy against the Arians. Spoke of the Incarnation as a divinizing

event for believers.

May 5-Hilary of Arles (d. 449). Became Bishop at a young age. Often criticized by envious older prelates. Known for monastic piety and devotion to the poor.



UNH Catholic Student Organization News for Spring 2026 Students

If you would like additional information, please contact our **Campus Minister**,

Derick Alexandre—

unhstm@stmdurham.org or Sarah Hunton — sarah.hunton@unh.edu

Stay tuned for more exciting events happening this semester.

Hope to see you at the next meeting
April 29th at 6:00pm in the Student Center

Last Student Mass Sunday May 3rd—5pm

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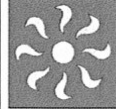
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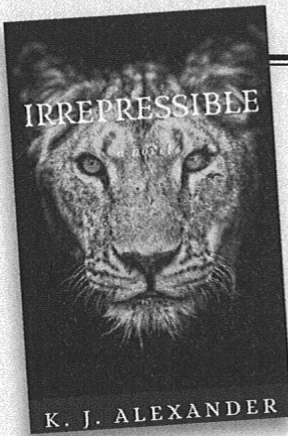
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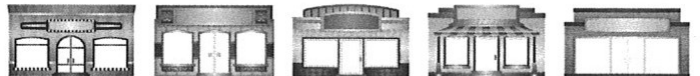
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