WELCOME TO

THE CATHOLIC CHAPEL & CENTER AT YALE UNIVERSITY

A PLACE FOR

you
Saint Thomas More, the Catholic Chapel and Center at Yale University

is more than a Chapel or student center. With lots of opportunities for
prayerful contemplation, comfortable study spaces, fun events, supportive
chaplains and an engaging Catholic community of Yale undergraduates,
graduates, faculty and staff, STM is both a place that will allow you many
chances to grow in your faith and a space you can call home.

We hope you will come
visit us at 268 Park Street.
We’ll have coffee, tea
and snacks ready for you
in the Dining Hall.
Join fellow students for social events throughout the year. STM’s annual undergraduate Welcome Back Ice Cream Social or the Grad Welcome Back Wine & Cheese Social are a great way to start the school year. Throughout the academic year, students are invited to meet the Associate Chaplain and Assistant Chaplains for lunch or dinner for informal conversations in the residential colleges or graduate schools. Check the weekly bulletin for locations.
Come tour STM and you are sure to find an amazing place to study (or two or three or four) both during the day and at night. Sit by the fire in the library reading room on a cold winter night or curl up on one of the comfy couches in the sunny courtyard.

Yale offers a number of courses for credit on Catholicism. This fall consider enrolling in Women Mystics or Loving Creation: Spirituality, Nature, and Ecological Conversion, both with Professor Janet Ruffing, RSM; The Catholic Intellectual Tradition with Professor Carlos Eire; or English Exegesis: The Gospel and Epistles of John with Professor Harold Attridge.

STM offers programs that will help you through the stressful time of midterms and finals. Take a break for smoothies and waffles with friends in The Thomas E. Golden, Jr. Center; enjoy Donut Crazy donuts during a study break in the residential colleges; or maximize your productivity with an evening of distraction-free studying during our Long Night Against Procrastination (LNAP).
STM is a welcoming community where you can join with others in renewing your faith life in small groups, Sunday night dinners and one-on-one meetings.

Sunday dinners and lectures are the perfect start to the week. The STM community meets after 5pm Mass for dinner and a discussion or brief lecture. If you are a night owl, come to STM for Mass on Sunday nights at 10pm and stay for a late night snack. If you are an early riser and 10am Mass works for you, stay for brunch in the dining hall.

Join a Small Church Community (Bible Study/Faith Sharing) or Cathletes (a student-athlete faith sharing group) with other Catholic students who are committed to meet weekly to pray, discuss scripture and reflect on how it relates to life as a Yale student.

You can also participate in Catholic celebrations and feasts that honor the many cultures and traditions of our students.
You can gather with friends and students Sunday nights in the Meditation Room for Adoration or Taizé Prayer. You can also participate in special seasonal prayers, like Lenten Stations of the Cross.

Mass is celebrated in the Chapel daily – Tuesday through Friday at 5:30pm. On Sundays the community gathers for Mass at 10am, 5pm and 10pm during the school year. We encourage you to take part in the Mass by serving as an Acolyte, Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or Choir Member. Training for liturgical ministers is held at the beginning of each semester.
Learn how to develop your skills as a leader through sharing your gifts and talents at STM and beyond through the ESTEEM (Engaging Students to Enliven the Ecclesial Mission) Leadership program.

If you enjoy event planning, program building or finding creative ways to connect with other STM students, consider joining the Undergraduate Council or the Graduate Council and collaborate with the Chaplains in planning the myriad of programs and social activities STM has to offer.

If you enjoy expressing your faith through creative writing or reporting, you can write reflections for Advent and Lent, blog posts on the STM website or an article in the STM Magazine.

Chaplains are always available for confidential conversations when you want to explore ways to deepen your relationship with God; during times of questioning, difficulty, stress and anxiety; or if you just need a break from the rigor of life at Yale.
STM’s retreats offer an opportunity to step away from distractions of everyday life and spend time with God and other students in a unique way. The first retreats for the 2018-19 academic year are planned for Saturday, September 8th at STM for first-year students at STM and for graduate students on Saturday, October 27th at Mercy Center in Madison.

Catholics who have been baptized and received Holy Communion can complete the sacraments of initiation through adult Confirmation classes. Reconciliation is offered on Tuesday’s at 6pm or by appointment.

STM’s monthly spirituality groups for undergraduate and graduate women and men provide a supportive environment in which you can explore questions and ideas related to your experience as Catholics.

STM’s Alternative Spring Break trips are a great way to put your faith in action! Spend your spring break with other Catholic students working with international communities, experience a pilgrimage of spiritual growth or personal discovery. ASB is for both graduate and undergraduate students.
Your faith is lived out through serving God and demonstrating compassion for human-kind. You can explore your spiritual path through service opportunities at STM.

Work alongside STM community members and serve lunch to hundreds of guests each week at STM’s Wednesday Soup Kitchen. Stop by on Wednesdays to serve, set up or clean up; or, participate in group events preparing care packages. Some Tuesday evenings, you can join other students cooking food in preparation for Wednesday’s meal.

Participate in service opportunities like preparing food and serving at Amistad Catholic Worker House in New Haven; partnering with area churches on local environmental projects like Project Longevity (in the spirit of Pope Francis’ Laudato Si) and participating in Catholic Relief Services meal packing day. If your schedule permits, you can tutor students from a local Catholic school, offsite and onsite, or teach religious education at STM on Sunday mornings.
From the moment you arrive on campus until the moment you receive your degree, we are here for you. If you need a cup of coffee, a place to study, a place to pray, someone to talk to, somewhere to belong – STM is right across from the Pierson College gate.

We can’t wait to meet you!

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Golden Center Hours
Sunday, noon to midnight
Monday – Thursday, 9 am to midnight
Friday and Saturday, 9 am to 10 pm

Text STM to 84576 to join Flocknote and receive weekly updates on STM events.
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