



WELCOME TO
STM

A PLACE FOR

you



Saint Thomas More
The Catholic Chapel & Center at Yale University

more than a chapel

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.

Photograph by Cory Hodson.

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.

A PLACE TO *make friends*



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Join fellow students for fun social events throughout the year. STM's annual undergraduate *Welcome Back Ice Cream Tasting* or the *Welcome Back Grad Wine & Cheese Social* are not to be missed. You and other students can meet the Chaplain and Assistant Chaplains over lunch or dinner for informed conversations in the residential colleges or graduate schools. Check the weekly bulletin for locations.



A PLACE TO
study

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 *Meditation: East and West* or *Loving Creation: Spirituality, Nature and Ecological Conversion* both with Professor Janet Ruffing; *Dante in Translation* with Professor Giuseppe Mazzotta; *The Catholic Intellectual Tradition* with Professor Carlos Eire (and guest lecturers); and *The Theology of Vatican II* with Professor Teresa Berger.

STM reading groups are another great way to learn more about your faith as it relates to your area of study. Groups like Faith & Law; Faith & Science and Women Reading Theology meet once a month, usually over a meal, to discuss readings that are current, engaging and easy to manage with a full course load.



A PLACE TO
experience community

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. Join a Small Church Community (Bible Study/Faith Sharing) with other Catholic students who are committed to meet weekly to pray, discuss scripture for the upcoming Sunday Mass and reflect on how it relates to life as a Yale student.

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. Learn about your faith while enjoying a meal with students, faculty and STM community members.

If you are a night owl, come to STM for Mass on Sunday nights at 10pm and stay for a late night snack after Mass in the dining hall. If you are an early riser and 10am Mass works for you, stay for brunch in the dining hall following Mass.

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.

A PLACE TO
pray

*y*ou 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 and walking the labyrinth, or learn to pray in new ways in monthly guided prayer experiences.

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.

<http://stm.yale.edu/prayer>

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. You can also participate in Catholic celebrations and feasts that honor the many cultures and traditions of our students.

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.

Need someone to talk to? STM Chaplains are always available for confidential conversations during times of questioning, difficulty, stress and anxiety or when you want to explore ways to deepen your relationship with God.

Photograph by Robin McShane.



A PLACE TO

be yourself

A photograph of two women in white robes, likely at a religious ceremony, holding lit candles. The woman on the left is partially visible, looking towards the right. The woman on the right is more prominent, looking down at the candle she is holding. The background is dark and out of focus.

A PLACE TO
*grow closer
to Christ*

STM's retreats offer an opportunity to step away from the distractions of everyday life and spend time with God and other students in a unique way. The 2017 STM Retreat Days are planned for Saturday, September 30th for undergraduate students at the Mercy Center in Madison and Saturday, October 28th for graduate students at Ender's Island in Mystic.

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.

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<http://stm.yale.edu/sacraments>



A PLACE TO
*make a
difference*

Our faith is lived out through serving God and demonstrating compassion for humankind. 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 monthly service opportunities like Habitat for Humanity or planting trees in a New Haven park with the Urban Resource Initiative (in the spirit of Pope Francis' *Ladato Si*). 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.

<http://stm.yale.edu/social-justice-ministry>



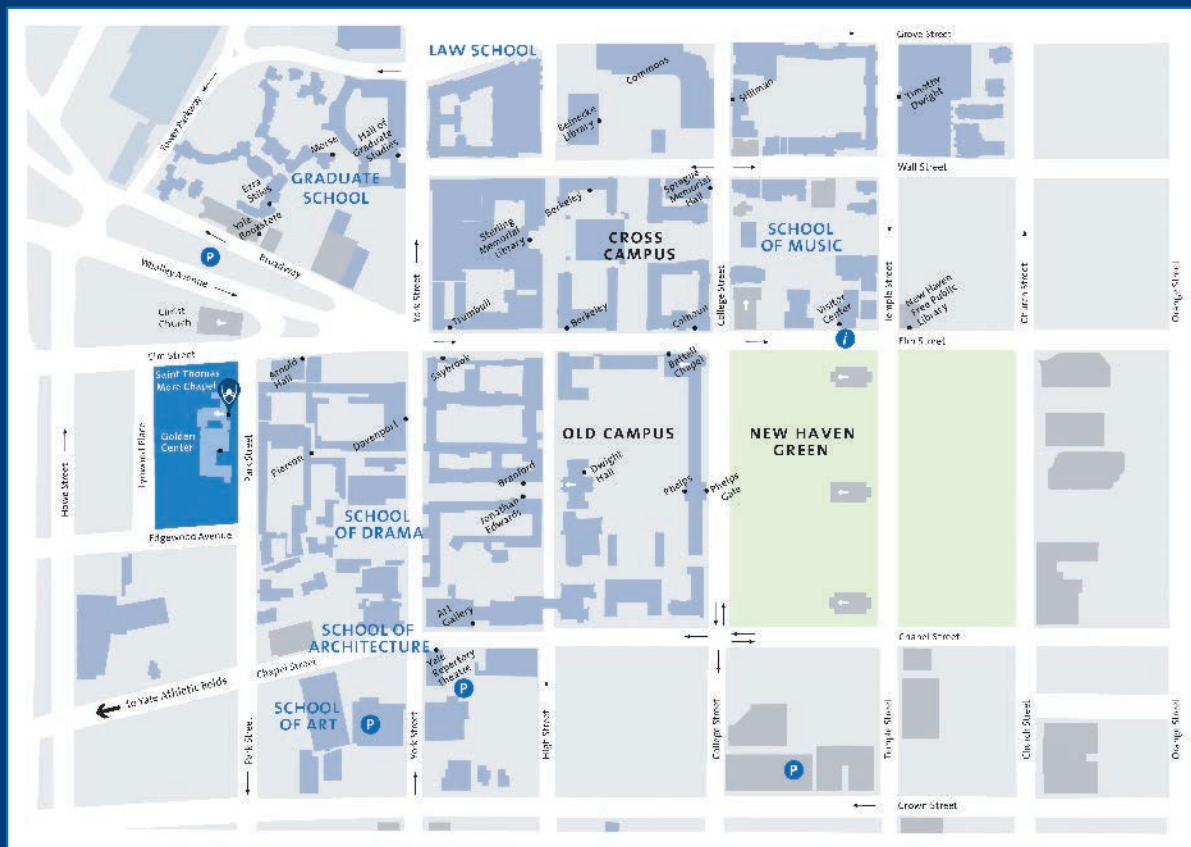
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Golden Center Hours

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

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