

# Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

*A Community of Parish and University Ministry*

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**April 7, 2024 Second Sunday/Sunday of Divine Mercy**



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## SUNDAY LITURGIES

**Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm**

**Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:15 am and 5:00pm Student Mass**

## WEEKDAY MASS

**No 12:10pm Mass Tuesday, April 9th**  
**12:10pm Mass Monday & Wednesday**

## REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

**Monday, Tuesday & Thurs: 9-3pm,**  
**Wednesday: 9-1pm**

**Closed Friday**

## SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation:** Saturday, 4:00 - 4:30 pm or by appointment.

**Baptism:** Call office to register for class & date of celebration.

**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.

**First Communion, First Reconciliation & Youth Confirmation:**

Call Director of Faith Formation at ext. 110.

For parish registration call 603-868-2666 or visit [stmdurham.org](http://stmdurham.org).

**April 7, 2024**  
**Second Sunday of Easter/Sunday of Divine Mercy**

**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.*



*Thomas*  
*(the name means "twin")*

*Thomas is the disciple from Missouri, the "Show Me" state. The Thomas episode wrestles with a problem affecting many. How can one believe in the Risen Lord without having seen him?*

*Thomas insists on seeing and touching. He demands the miraculous and extraordinary. Thomas is on the wrong track.*

*Once you begin to require outward signs to confirm your faith, you'll never be satisfied. This is shrinking from the true adventure of faith. Belief is the acceptance of a word. True recognition is in hearing and believing the words of Jesus.*

*The gospel seems to go out of its way to point out to us that **Thomas was a twin**. Who is Thomas' twin? The answer: **we** are Thomas' twin. For all of us are a mixture of belief and doubt. We hanker for the certainty of a sign, but faith doesn't work that way.*

*"Blessed are they who have not seen, yet believe." Faith is really a matter of **trust** Jesus is as good as His Word.*

*Fr. Andrew*

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**MASSES & OFFICE HOURS**

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**April 6th-7thth; Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)**

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35  
Reading II: 1 John 5:1-6  
Gospel: John 20:19-31

**April 12th-4th; Third Sunday of Easter**

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19  
Reading II: 1 John 2:1-5a  
Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

**MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGN**



**Our goal is \$25,000.00**  
**Please help us reach our goal.**  
**Currently we are at \$15,370.00**

**Our Matching Gift Campaign will be concluding on Monday, April 8th.**

**We haven't reached our goal yet.**  
**There is still time to donate.**

***Thank you to all who have contributed,  
your generosity is greatly appreciated!***



**April 6th-7thth; Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)**

Saturday 5pm – † Msgr. Daniel Lamothe  
Sunday 9am – † Evelyn Smick  
Sunday 11:15am– † David Fleming

**April 12th-4th; Third Sunday of Easter**

Saturday 8pm – † Jean Machin  
Sunday 9am – † Jud Porter  
Sunday 11:15am– † Ric Fleming



## STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

### Faith Formation (K-5th grade)

Grades Kindergarten-1st During the 9am Mass—Church Hall  
Grades 2 & 3 (Student Center) & Grades 4-5 Church Hall

#### Next Faith Formation Class April 7th-Classroom

For more information please contact Ann McGurty  
[stmfaith@comcast.net](mailto:stmfaith@comcast.net) or call 603 868-2666 X110

#### Faith Formation Grades K-5th classes

Please contact Ann McGurty for more information  
[stmfaith@comcast.net](mailto:stmfaith@comcast.net) or 603-868-2666 EXT #110

#### Middle School Youth Ministry (Grades 6-8)

Next class Sunday, April 14th from 6:30-8pm in the Church Hall

Please contact Regina Smick-Attisano for more information  
[stmmsfaith@gmail.com](mailto:stmmsfaith@gmail.com)

#### High School Youth Ministry

High school students, please contact Felicia Sperry for more information on class schedule.

Please contact Felicia Sperry [stmHSYM@gmail.com](mailto:stmHSYM@gmail.com)

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### Divine Mercy



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Manuel DeGuzman      Peter Farrington  
Ed Donnelley          Dot Meneghin  
Barbara Farrington      Susan Whitworth

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



### Children's Liturgy of the Word

will resume this Sunday, April 7th at the 9am Mass.



#### Welcome RCIA Adults

Our STM Catholic Community is Blessed this Easter weekend as our RCIA Catechumen, Evan, Nicholas Reilly, is Baptized in Christ and joins Candidates Jessica Sternberg, Ashleigh Neville, Eva Raynes, Brian Raynes & Lindsay Raynes, already one with us through Baptism, to complete their Initiation Sacraments with Confirmation and their First Holy Eucharist and full reception into the Catholic Church.

Welcome Evan, Jessica, Ashleigh, Eva, Brian & Lindsay to the Catholic faith and to our Community! We continue to keep you and your families in our prayer.



#### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Next Saturday, April 13 from 9-3pm

Please sign-up this weekend in the entrance of the church for Spring Clean-Up (inside and outside).

*Come donate 1-2 hours !  
Please bring your gardening & yard tools!*



The month of April is designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the United States. The Diocese of Manchester provides child safety articles, parent guides, and other helpful information about child protection on its website. For more information, please visit [www.catholicnh.org/safety](http://www.catholicnh.org/safety)



*"As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." Let us affirm our priests and help carry out Christ's mission of spreading love and compassion in the world. Maybe God is also calling you to share in His saving mission as a priest. Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Matt Mason, the Vocations Director at 603-663-0196 or [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).*





## **St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update**

As we begin the month of April, we continue to see new patrons each week along with an increased number of patrons returning each week. We were fortunate once again to receive a grant from Seacoast Food Providers Network to continue our efforts to become more sustainable with the purchase of reusable bags, and sustainable containers for safe storage of our inventory and gasoline gift cards for our dedicated volunteers making multiple pickups and deliveries each month.

Our volunteer numbers continue to grow. Thank you for answering our call; we can always utilize your talents if you are still willing to give of your time. Please contact Regina Smick-Attisano at [rasamom3@comcast.net](mailto:rasamom3@comcast.net) to explore how you can make a difference.

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

- Dryer sheets
- Herbal teas
- Salt



## **Collection Counters Needed**

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We are looking for individuals who can assist with counting the Parish Weekend Collections.

You would be part of a team, which rotates once or twice a month. Counting is done on Monday mornings (Tuesday mornings, if Monday is a holiday).

Please contact Ann McGurty for more information  
Office-603-868-2666

Email-stmdurham@comcast.net



Thank you to our Liturgical Environment Team, led by Jeanne Clark, and many faithful workers whose time and talent transformed our Worship space deeper into the mysteries and celebrations of Holy Week. If you are interested in joining this meaningful Ministry contact Roberta MacBride at [stmpastoralmin@comcast.net](mailto:stmpastoralmin@comcast.net).

We wish you and your loved ones a Blessed Easter Season!



## **200 CLUB**

*Those end of March winds blew some winnings to...*

**Jan Geremia  
Cathy and Bob Brown  
Claire Way**

*Congratulations to All*

The next drawing is on April 28, so there's plenty of time to become a new member or renew your membership.

Both enrollment and renewal are easy. As the 200 Club 'year' ends in January, all annual new or renewal subscriptions in April are \$170.

Quarterly and Semi annual subscriptions are available at \$50 and \$100 respectively.

Simply write a check made payable to St. Thomas More Church. Don't forget to also put 200 Club 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](mailto:tomdolan84@hotmail.com) or 603-519-0369



## **ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**



Bishop Libasci invites couples celebrating 5, 10, 25, 50, and 60+ years of marriage in 2024 to attend a Mass in celebration of significant wedding anniversaries. The Mass will be held on **Sunday, May 5th, at 2:00 p.m. at Saint Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. To register, please contact your parish office (603-868-2666) by April 12, 2024.**

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 the indicated anniversary years, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at the Cathedral this spring!





# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## April 8th-April 14th

April 8– Board Meeting. 6pm. Student Center.

April 9– Women’s Group. 6pm. Student Center

Men’s Group. 6pm. Lighthouse.

April 10– CSO Meeting. 7pm. MUB 338.

April 11– CSO Social TBD

April 13- Spring Retreat, St. Joseph’s Cathedral

### UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Sunday, April 14th	5pm
Sunday, April 21st	5pm
Sunday, April 28th	5pm

Home Cooked Meal to Follow All Student Masses!

### SPRING RETREAT

**APRIL 13th**  
**at the Cathedral!**

### DID YOU KNOW?

Because the Solemnity of the Annunciation (March 25th) fell during Holy Week this year, it has been moved to April 8th. No other Solemnities can be celebrated during Holy Week and the Easter Octave.



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**April 11**–Stanislaus (d. 1079) Bishop of Krakow. Served as a prophetic witness against the evils of the Polish king and populace. Martyred for his

outspoken witness to the truth.

**April 13**–Martin I (d. 655). Martyr Pope for the truth that Christ had two wills.

Executed upon the order of the Eastern Emperor.



### **UNH Catholic Student Organization News for Spring 2024 Students**

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

Derick Alexandre—[unhstm@gmail.com](mailto:unhstm@gmail.com) or  
Tyler Johnson—[tyler.johnson@unh.edu](mailto:tyler.johnson@unh.edu)

*Stay tuned for more exciting events happening this semester.*

*Hope to see you at the next meeting*  
*April 10th at 7:00pm at the MUB 338/340*

*Sunday Mass*  
*April 14h at 5pm*

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