

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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August 4, 2024 **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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SUNDAY LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:15 am

WEEKDAY MASS

12:10pm Mass Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday & Thurs: 9-1pm

Closed Wednesday & 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.

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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.*



Sin is like a chronic illness in the Christian. It prevents us from doing what is most noble in us. It destroys, or weakens, our capacity for love; and love is the noblest activity of the human person. So for Jesus, the most important provision of the law was love of God and love for each other.

Love motivates all prayer and peace activity. So this week I suggest we pray for all those whom we have good reason, or think we have good reason, to hate or dislike.

Let our prayer focus be on all those individuals, groups, and races we think we dislike or hate.

*May God Bless You,
Fr. Andrew*



OFFERTORY UPDATE:

Average Weekly Regular Offertory Amount needed to meet our Annual Budget, **\$5,192.31**
Offertory for July 28th **\$3,555**

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

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MASSES & OFFICE HOURS

WEEKEND MASSES

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Sunday 9am & 11:15am

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August 3rd-4th; 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15
Reading II: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24
Gospel: John 6:24-35

August 10th-11th; 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: 1 Kings 19:4-8
Reading II: Ephesians 4:30-52
Gospel: John 6:41-51



August 3rd-4th; 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – † Patricia Mullane
Sunday 9am – † Umberto & Gondina Tagliani
Sunday 11:15am – † Stephen John Wing

August 10th-11th; 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – † Greg Wieder
Sunday 9am – † Christopher Russell
Sunday 11:15am – † Margarete Weber



STM FAITH FORMATION

LIFE- Living In Faith Everyday

Registrations are now being accepted for all Faith Formation classes for the 2024-25 school year. Registration forms can be found in the magazine rack at the back of the church or online at: <https://www.stmdurham.org/faith-formation/faith-formation-kindergarten-high-school>

If your child is in need of Sacraments or if you need more information, please call Ann McGurty at 603-868-2666 for further information.

Faith Formation Calendar will be provided in early September.

COME AND SEE (OCIA)

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults
(Formerly RCIA)



Are you searching for meaning in life? Do you feel a longing for a relationship with God? Have you ever wanted to know more about what the Catholic Church really teaches? Have you thought about receiving Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist but don't know where to begin?

For more information, please call the parish office at 603-868-2666 and ask for Derick Alexandre or Roberta MacBride or email stmpastoralmin@comcast.net.



Congratulations to those 200 Club members who received winnings in July

*Pat Cardarople
John and Anita Oidman
Dan and Chris Murphy*

There's plenty of time to become a new member or renew your membership before the **next drawing on August 25**.

Subscription options are as follows: As the '200 club' year ends in January, new or renewal of 'annual' subscriptions in August are \$100. Quarterly or semi annual subscriptions are \$50 and \$100 respectively.

Simply write a check made payable to St. Thomas More Church. Don't forget to 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 or 603-519-0369



Fr. Carl Chudy would like to thank STM for their donations, prayers and support. He enjoyed his time here last weekend. As promised, he has provided his website if you would like more information.

<https://xaverianmissionaries.org/catholic.disaffiliation/>



"The bread of God is that which comes down from heaven." Reflect upon the sacred nature of the divine bread and contemplate if He is calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Matt Mason, the Vocations Director at 603-663-0196 or mmason@rcbm.org.



IT WAS SO MUCH FUN, WE ARE DOING IT AGAIN!

We are planning a **SUMMER Volunteer Workday on Saturday, August 10th** (rain date Saturday, August 17th) **from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM** (you can come and go when you can). This is the last weekend for sign-up sheets for our Church Clean-Up Day

Projects for this day will focus on (1) more landscaping or gardening and (2) exterior painting. The Parish will provide the tools and materials needed for the projects. However, if you would prefer to use your own favorite gardening tool or "lucky" paint brush you can certainly bring them. The projects can all be done safely and effectively by Parish volunteers under the direction of our Parish Maintenance Director or a qualified designee.

You don't need to be a certain age, a certain height, a whiz with a certain tool or skill, or able to bench press 200 pounds to be able to contribute – EVERYONE can help in some way. Come with friends and family. Many hands make for lighter work.

Not only will these projects improve and beautify our Parish environment, but completing the projects with volunteers will save the Parish significant maintenance and cleaning cost. As always, bringing parishioners together to accomplish a common goal provides an opportunity to meet other people and strengthen our Parish community. We will all be able to take greater pride in our shared Parish home.

We thank you in advance. Please come out and join in the fun!



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Opportunity For You

We need two or more individuals to assist with the pickup of donations from Walmart in Newington. Pickups typically are on Tuesday afternoon. If we can get two or three people to help with this task, the commitment would be just once a month. Just contact me and I can fill you in with details.

If you want to be part of our team, we typically have three - four opportunities each week along with the Walmart pickup. Just contact Regina at rasamom3@comcast.net and I'll send you the information.



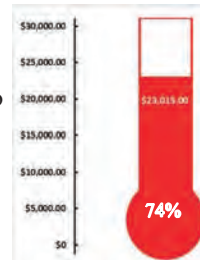
St. Thomas More goal is **\$31,105.00**
As of July 28th, we have raised **\$23,015.00**

Help us reach our goal!
Thank you to all who

have contributed. Feel free to take an envelope complete it and mail it directly to **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.



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Gospel Today Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | John 6:24-35

To the crowds Jesus called Himself "The Bread of Life." They did not understand He meant "spiritual life", which came by believing in Jesus, who was sent by God.

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Jesus said to them

"I am The Bread of Life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

- JOHN 6:35

We have: The Body of Christ (communion), to nourish our souls/spiritual life.

We have: Bread to eat, (flour, water, yeast) to nourish our bodies/physical life.

Let's cook up something fun, for adults and children together...



EASY TO MAKE FRESH PIZZA DOUGH

Makes one 12" pie • Preheat oven to 400°

Ingredients

Dough: 6 oz. warm water • 1 tbsp. sugar • 1 ½ tsp. dry yeast • ¼ tsp. salt
1 tbsp. olive or cooking oil • 2 ¼ cups flour

Toppings: Your choice, tomato sauce or fresh sliced tomatoes spread over dough.
8 oz. mozzarella or your favorite cheese. *Optional - meat, vegetables, spices.*

Directions

In a mixing bowl add water, sugar and yeast. Stir, let sit 15 minutes to activate yeast. Add oil, salt and flour, mixing well (if needed add a few drops of water). Knead 8-10 minutes on a floured surface. Put floured dough ball in a bowl and cover to rise, about 1 hour. Roll dough on floured surface into a 12" circle and put on baking sheet. Top with your favorites and bake for 10-12 minutes or until done.

Note: Flour, bread crumbs or cornmeal on pan help prevent pizza from sticking.

FROM THE
KITCHEN OF



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. So they said to him ‘What can we do to accomplish the works of God?’ Jesus answered and said to them, ‘this is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent.’... ‘So Moses said ‘this is the bread God has given you to eat.’”

Remembering that John’s gospel does not report the last supper, his sixth chapter teaches us about the Eucharist. We are engaged in a ‘Eucharistic Revival’ with our eyes fixed on a national gathering, a Eucharistic Congress.

In our time greater emphasis has been given to Eucharistic adoration, reminding us that the Eucharist is not a thing, but a Person. Before liturgy, or following mass, spend a few minutes acknowledging your belief that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharistic, and seeks our faith in His Real Presence. In this way we can ‘accomplish the works of God.’

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS

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