

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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August 18, 2024 **Twentieth 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.*



*"...Where two or three are Gathered
in my name..." Matthew 18:20*

Almost every culture, throughout human history, has believed, as Christians do, that the world and everything in it was deliberately created by an infinitely powerful, good and purposeful force which we call **God**.

God is unique, all-powerful, invisible and eternal, not created by anything nor caused by anything. We believe that God uses the natural laws of biology and physics to bring about change and development in the world. We also believe that human beings can enter into a personal relationship with God through prayer. Through human beings, too, God works out His purposes for His creation, a process which is called **Providence**.

Prayer is the language of our relationship with God. We can pray at any time and in any place. Because we share our faith with other people, we gather to pray together. It is fashionable for some to say ***"I believe in God, but I don't feel the need to go to church."*** Our private prayer needs to be enriched by public worship. We also need to engage with one another for our faith to grow.

*God bless you,
Fr. Andrew*

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MASSES & OFFICE HOURS

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5pm
Sunday 9am & 11:15am

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August 17th-18th; 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Proverbs 9:1-6
Reading II: Ephesians 5:15-20
Gospel: John 6:51-58

August 24th-25th; 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b
Reading II: Ephesians 5:21-32
Gospel: John 6:60-69



August 17th-18th; 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – † Patrick & Michael McGurty
Sunday 9am – † Evelyn Colgan
Sunday 11:15am – † Stanley Maciolek

August 24th-25th; 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – † Joan Doll
Sunday 9am – † Russell & MacBride Families
Sunday 11:15am – † Christopher Mayka



OFFERTORY UPDATE:

Average Weekly Regular Offertory Amount
needed to meet our Annual Budget, **\$5,192.31**
Offertory for August 4th **\$4,168.50**

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



STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Catechist/Teachers needed!

For more information please contact
Ann McGurty stmfaith@comcast.net or call
603 868-2666 X110

Registration for all grades for Fall Classes
are now being accepted

Faith Formation Grades K-5th classes
stmfaith@comcast.net

Please contact Ann McGurty for more information

Middle School Youth Ministry & High School Youth Ministry
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Please contact Ann McGurty at 603-868-2666 or email
stmfaith@comcast.net for more information and Sacrament
inquiry.

LIFE- Living In Faith Everyday

COME AND SEE (OCIA)

Order of Christian Initiation of 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.



Thank You!

Thank you to all who donated
your time and helping us get our
Church and yard cleaned and
spruced up.

It is greatly appreciated!



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update Repeat Request

Continue to look for a place to donate the
extra produce and bakery items we have after
each Food Pantry session this summer. If you
know of a farmer, or a family, or other entity
that could use some food, please let me know.

We need an apprentice to learn the specifics of our meat
department. You will learn from our experts and be able to
step in twice a month to help with this key area of our food
pantry!

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

Summer lasts until third week in September still time to
give us a try!

This week, at the pantry, we need savory snacks such as:

- Crackers
- Granola bars
- Pretzels

ARE YOU THE NEXT WINNER?



200 CLUB

*If you are a 200 Club member, you could
be a winner at our next drawing on August
25.*

There's still 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 \$60 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



St. Thomas More goal is **\$31,105.00**
As of August 5th, we have raised
\$23,904.60

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.

Thank you for your continual support.



*"Always give thanks for all things." Give thanks to the priests, sisters, and brothers who answered
God's call with open hearts to serve Him. Is Christ calling you to serve as a priest or in consecrated
life? Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Matt Mason, the Vocations Director at 603-663-0196 or
mmason@rcbm.org*

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Amen, amen I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food and my blood remains in me and I in him.”

The teaching of Jesus then, speaks of His wish for us to feed on Him. The teaching of Jesus today is no different. Take time now to remember the Eucharistic Revival taking place in our country. The Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist sadly is something taken for granted. When we feed on Him we have eternal life, not something when we close our lives in death but His life in me today.

May we approach Holy Communion, with reverence and deep respect. May the devotion we experienced when we received the Eucharist for the first time, stir us today to seek and find this rich gift, the Son of God, in the sacrament of His Body and Blood.

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS

grow.
rich
in the eyes of
God

In The Bread of Life Discourse Jesus continues to tell the people He is the living bread sent from Heaven. The people are upset and confused about what Jesus is telling them. Remember, this all took place before the Last Supper and creation of the Eucharist.

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I am the Bread of Life.

JOHN 6:48

Write the letters not found within the Eucharist in the space below.

J I X S
K C V P F
L G M T H Y
Z W Q U N O

Unscramble the letters and write the word in the spaces below to complete what Jesus is telling us.

Whoever eats this

will live forever.

JOHN 6:58

Do you think Jesus is talking about sandwich bread?
What bread is Jesus telling us to eat?

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