

# Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

*A Community of Parish and University Ministry*

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February 2, 2025 **The Presentation of the Lord**



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## SUNDAY LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am; 11:15 am & Sunday 5pm Mass

## WEEKDAY MASS

12:10pm Mass Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

## OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tues, Thurs: 9-3pm, & Wed 9-1pm. **Closed Friday**



## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Will be offered this Friday in the Church 7-8pm

## 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 (OCIA):** 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).

**February 2, 2025**  
**The Presentation of the Lord**

**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.*



**Candlemas**

**The Christmas Season ends on February 2nd with The Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. It is a transitional festival looking back 40 days to Christmas and**

**forward to Easter.**

The Gospel of Luke tells us Jesus was taken by his parents to the Temple in Jerusalem so that his mother could be ritually purified and he could be presented. Simeon took the child in his arms and spoke a prayer, the **Nunc Dimittis**.

Called **Hypapante** Meaning "meeting" or "encountering" in the Eastern Church it came to be called "**Candlemas**" in the **Seventh Century Anglo- Saxon world** because February 2nd was midway between the winter solstice and the spring equinox.

**The association with light was also inspired by the words of the aged Simeon's prayer which proclaims Christ as a light to enlighten the gentiles. In time the practice of bringing candles to church for blessing and then carried out lighted provided ritual and reenactment for taking the light of Christ who has redeemed us from darkness and will bring us to eternal light.**

**On this festival of light let Christ's light shine within you.**

Blessings,  
Fr. Andrew

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**MASSES & OFFICE HOURS**

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**February 1st-2nd; The Presentation of the Lord**

Reading I: Malachi 3:1-4  
Reading II: Hebrews 2:14-18  
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

**February 8th-9th; Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Reading I: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8  
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Gospel: Luke 5:1-11



**February 1st-2nd; The Presentation of the Lord**

Saturday 5pm – St. Thomas More Parishioners  
Sunday 9am – † Jud Porter  
Sunday 11:15am– † Rita Giordano

**February 8th-9th; Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday 5pm – † Arnold Frank  
Sunday 9am – † Helen Donnelly  
Sunday 11:15am– † Robert Clifford, Jr.



## STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

**Children's Liturgy & Faith Formation Classes resumes this Sunday, February 2nd**

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

### Faith Formation

#### Grades K-5th Classes

9:00am-Kindergarten-Grades 1 (Church Hall Classroom)  
10:00am- Grade 2 (Student Center Prayer Rm)  
10:00am- Grade 3 (Library Student Center)  
10:00am- Grades 4 & 5 (Church Hall)

#### Middle School Youth Ministry

10:00am-Middle School (Grades 6-8) Gym -See MS Calendar

For more information and Sacrament inquiry, please contact Ann McGurty at 603-868-2666 or email [stmfaith@comcast.net](mailto:stmfaith@comcast.net)

*LIFE- Living In Faith Everyday*



## OFFERTORY UPDATE:

Average Weekly Regular Offertory Amount needed to meet our Annual Budget, \$5,192.31

Offertory for January 19th **\$3,059.00**  
Offertory for January 26th **\$5,399.00**

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



## St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

Thank you to the members of the Service Credit Union here in Durham and their staff for their very generous donation of four laundry baskets plus three bags of toiletries to our pantry last week!

We are continuing our efforts to be more sustainable where we can. We are in need of reusable grocery bags and empty 32 ounces spray bottles we will give to our clients along with cleaning concentrate which we will refill upon return.

As always, if you would like to join our team, contact Regina Smick-Attisano at [rasamom3@comcast.net](mailto:rasamom3@comcast.net)

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

- powdered sugar
- baking spices such as nutmeg & cinnamon
- paper towels



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

February 5th at 11:30 am in the library;  
March 5th at 11:30 am in the library;  
April 2nd at 11:30 in the library; and  
May 7th at 11:30 in the library.



## MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGN

Our goal is **\$20,000.00**  
Please help us reach our goal.  
Currently we are at **\$9,249.00**

2025 Matching Gift Campaign is now officially begun and may run for approximately 2 months.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

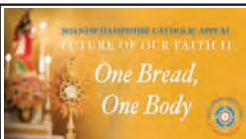


## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Ed Donnelly**  
**Barbara Farrington**

**Peter Farrington**  
**Dot Meneghin**

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



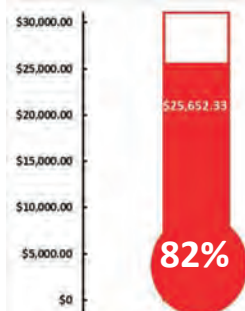
St. Thomas More goal is **\$31,105.00**

As of Jan27th we have raised **\$25,652.33**. 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**, or place it in the collection basket or go online at [www.catholicnh.org/nhca](http://www.catholicnh.org/nhca)

**Our Parish number code is 41830.**

Our **STM Food Pantry** and **Campus Ministry** benefit from the NHCA contributions.  
*We're almost there!*



## 200 CLUB

*The Winners for our January Drawing are:*

**Sheila and Doug Madsen**  
**Nancy Brown**  
**Gary and Kathy Schumacher**

Both enrollment and renewal are easy. There's plenty of time to become a new member or renew your membership before the February 23rd drawing.

New/renewal application forms are available at the church entrances.

Or 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](mailto:tomdolan84@hotmail.com) or 603-519-0369

*A special note of thanks to all those who have supported the 200 club.*

*You have made a difference!!*





# February 2nd-8th



Monday 2/3	OCIA 8pm-Student Center
Tuesday 2/4–	Men's Group 7pm Women's Group 7pm
Wednesday 2/5	CSO Meeting 7pm MUB 162
Thursday 2/6	Food Pantry 2:00-6:30p (STM)
Friday 2/7	CSO Board Meeting 5:30pm  Adoration 7pm, STM
Sunday 2/9	Student Mass/Supper 5pm

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Eastern Orthodox Church has all the seven sacraments, a valid priesthood, and the Sacrifice of the Mass. Their bishops also have apostolic succession like the **Catholic Bishops**.

### UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Sunday, February 9th	No Student Mass (Super Bowl)
Sunday, February 16th	5pm
Sunday, February 23rd	5pm
Sunday, March 2nd	5pm
Sunday, March 9	5pm

STUDENT SUPPER TO FOLLOW ALL STUDENT MASSES!

**February 2nd is Candlemas**, also known as **The Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ**, the **Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, or the **Feast of the Holy Encounter**, is a Christian feast day commemorating, is Christian feast day the presentation of Jesus at the Temple by Joseph and Mary.



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February 8–St. Josephine Bakhita (d. 1947) - Began her life in cruel slavery in Sudan. Sold to Italy but then fought to obtain civic freedom through the courts. Entered religious

life and dedicated her vocation to humble service.

February 10-St. Scholastica (d. 542). Sister of St. Benedict. Religious sister and abbess.



### UNH Catholic Student Organization News for Spring 2025 Students

If you would like additional information, please contact our **Campus Minister**,  
**Derick Alexandre—[unhstm@gmail.com](mailto:unhstm@gmail.com)** or  
**Sarah Hunton—[sarah.hunton@unh.edu](mailto:sarah.hunton@unh.edu)**

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

*Hope to see you at the next meeting*  
*February 5th at 7:00pm at the MUB 162*  
*Sunday Mass with Supper to Follow*  
*February 9th*

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## Gospel Today

### The Presentation of the Lord / Luke 2:22-40

Mary and Joseph followed the law of Moses and presented Jesus in the temple to be consecrated to the Lord, forty days after His birth. At the temple they were greeted by Simeon and Anna, who spoke great things about Jesus.

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Simeon took Jesus in his arms  
and praised God...

—Luke 2:28

## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.

Presentation

Lord

Temple

Law

Moses

Jesus

Consecrated

Forty

Days

Following

Birth

Righteous

Greeted

Simeon

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