

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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February 9, 2025 **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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SUNDAY LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am; 11:15 am & **No 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 Friday(2/14/25) 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.

February 9, 2025 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.*



February

*"Yet February suns' uncertain shine,
For rain and frost alternately combine."*

Edmund Spencer

During mid-February, when winter begins to give us a hint of forthcoming spring, we ready ourselves for Lent. February has always been a month of uncertain weather and changing temperatures. The writer Leigh Hunt describes it this way:

*"If February were not the precursor of spring,
it would be the least pleasant season of the year...
The thaws then take place, and a clammy mixture
of moisture and cold succeeds, which is the most
disagreeable of wintry sensations."*

Yet, each season contains its own particular kind of blessings. To me one of winter's blessings is the opportunity it provides for listening to music. All praise to the Lord for the joy of exquisite music, a truly transcendental experience.

Blessings,
L'Shalom - in peace
Fr. Andrew

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MASSES & OFFICE HOURS

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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 15th-16th; Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Jeremiah 17:5-8
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20
Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26



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

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

February 15th-16th; Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – † Jerry Oidtman
Sunday 9am – † Danny Hunter
Sunday 11:15am – † Mary Ann Wren



STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Faith Formation Classes this Sunday

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

LIFE– Living In Faith Everyday



OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for February 2 **\$6,525.00**

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



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

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

One of the tasks of the Food Pantry volunteers is to help with the unloading, sorting and storing of the donations the Pantry receives each week. This is typically done on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons; the task usually takes an hour. A few more volunteers to assist would be appreciated.

As always, if you would like to join our team, contact Regina Smick-Attisano at rasamom3@comcast.net
This week, at the pantry, we have a need for:

- laundry detergent
- salt
- paper towels



"Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ed Donnelly Barbara Farrington
Peter Farrington Dot Meneghin Jody Newman

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



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!



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

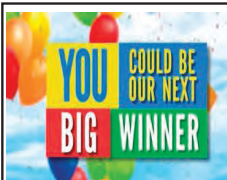
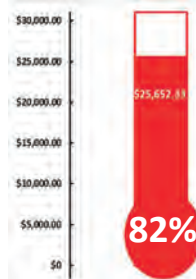
As of February 2nd we have raised **\$25,652.33**. Help us reach our goal!

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

Our Parish number code is 41830.

Our **STM Food Pantry** and **Campus Ministry** benefit from the NHCA contributions.

We're almost there!



200 CLUB

WILL YOU BE ONE OF THE BIG WINNERS?

Seventh Anniversary 200 Club Drawing on March 2, 2025

You could be a winner of \$500 or \$300 or \$100 – the special prizes at the **Seventh Anniversary 200 Club Drawing on March 2nd** - but only if you are a member of the 200 Club and your **payment has been received at the parish office by Monday, February 24th.**

Both enrollment and renewal are easy. There's plenty of time to become a new member or renew your membership before the March 2nd drawing.

Subscription options are for 3, 6 or 12 months, at a cost of \$50, \$100 or \$200 respectively.

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 or 603-519-0369



Collecting Blessed Palms

Bring in your Blessed Palms and place palms in designated baskets located at the entrances of the church. These dried palms will be

burned to make the ashes for

Ash Wednesday, March 5th.
Ash Wednesday Masses: 12:10pm, 5pm, & 7pm.





BEWARE The ***2025 FOMO VARIANT*** **(Fear of Missing Out)**

The best vaccine is membership in the
St. Thomas More 200 Club

From February, 2018 until December, 2024,
138 subscribers have provided a net revenue to the parish of
\$96,400. 207 lucky winners have shared \$16,050 in prizes.

You too can be a winner and beat the FOMO

Membership is open to everyone 18 years of age or older.
3, 6 and 12 month 200 Club memberships are available at a cost
of \$50, \$100 and \$200 respectively.

Monthly drawings take place on the last Sunday of the month.

Monthly prizes are \$100, \$50 and \$25.

Special prizes of \$500, \$300 and \$100 will be awarded at the
7th anniversary drawing on March 2, 2025.

New members must be enrolled in the 200 Club by

Monday, February 24, 2025 and all members must be up to
date in their dues to be eligible for the special prizes.

New membership and renewal applications are located at the
church entrances, the hallway leading to the church hall and
in the foyer of the Catholic student center.

Additional information is available on the St. Thomas More web
site and Facebook page or contact Tom Dolan at
603-519-0369 or email tomdolan84@hotmail.com.



February 9th-15th



Monday 2/10	OCIA 8pm-Student Center
Tuesday 2/11	Men's Group 7pm Women's Group 7pm
Wednesday 2/12	CSO Meeting 7pm MUB 162
Thursday 2/13	Food Pantry 2:00-6:30p (STM)
Friday 2/14	CSO Board Meeting 5:30pm Adoration 7pm, STM
Sunday 2/16	Student Mass/Supper 5pm

DID YOU KNOW?

The First Vatican Council declared the doctrine of Papal Infallibility (1869-1870).

UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Sunday, February 16th	5pm
Sunday, February 23rd	5pm
Sunday, March 2nd	5pm
Sunday, March 9th	5pm
Sunday, March 16th	No Mass-Spring Break

St. Valentine, an ancient Roman martyr, is always commemorated on February 14th.

Please pray for all husbands and wives and all whom you love.

Pay notice to upcoming information about our Spring retreat on the last Saturday in April!



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February 14—St. Cyril and Methodius (d. 869, 884) - Missionaries to the Slavic Peoples. Developed a new alphabet for Slavic languages. Composed a new liturgy in the vernacular,

not Latin.

February 15—St. Claude de la Colombiere (d. 1682) -Confessor to St. Margaret Mary. Ardent promoter of the Sacred Heart devotion. Wrote many ascetical works.



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 or Sarah Hunton—sarah.hunton@unh.edu

Stay tuned for more exciting events happening this semester.

Hope to see you at the next meeting

February 12th at 7:00pm at the MUB 162

Sunday Mass with Supper to Follow

February 16th

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