

# Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

*A Community of Parish and University Ministry*

6 Madbury Road (P.O. Box 620) - Durham, New Hampshire 03824-0620

February 16, 2025 **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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## SUNDAY LITURGIES

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

## WEEKDAY MASS

**No Mass Monday-Presidents' Day**  
12:10pm Mass , Tuesday & Wednesday

## OFFICE HOURS

**Office will be closed Monday-Presidents' Day**

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



## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Will be offered Friday(2/21/25) 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](http://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.  
Accompany us on our way, Lord Jesus, as we seek to share our Roman Catholic faith and life in your Spirit.*



***The Presence of Christ***

*The continuing presence of the Risen Christ is the central reality of our life of faith. This is the presence which Christ promised would remain with His Church until the end of time (Matthew 28:20). In the course of the life of the Church, this presence shows itself in various ways, but especially in the Mass. There, Christ is present already from the beginning in the congregation gathered in His name. He is present in the reading and preaching of the Word of God and in the celebration of the memorial of Christ's death and resurrection. But He is present in an altogether special way when, by the action of the Holy Spirit, bread and wine are changed into His Body and Blood. As a result, in Holy Communion, according to the words of the Gospel, we eat the flesh of Christ and drink His blood (John 6:53).*

*In thinking about this mystery, it helps us if we keep in mind that we are not just talking about communion with a fellow human being but with the Son of God Himself. By choosing to bring this about through the forms of food and drink, Jesus is indicating that just as bread and wine nourish the natural life of our bodies, so does the divine sacrament nourish our inner being, our mind and heart, to enable us to "grow in love" and so to become more like Christ.*

*Fr. Andrew*

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**MASSES & OFFICE HOURS**

**WEEKEND MASSES**

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**Tues, & Thurs 9-3pm & Wed 9-1pm Closed Fri**

**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 22nd-23rd; Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Reading I: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23  
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49  
Gospel: Luke 6: 27-38



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

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

**February 22nd-23rd; Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday 5pm – † Donald King  
Sunday 9am – † Mary Stumhofer  
Sunday 11:15am – † Al Barbour





## STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

**Faith Formation Classes Sunday, Feb 16th.  
No Faith formation Classes Feb 23rd & Mar 2nd**

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

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)

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### 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*

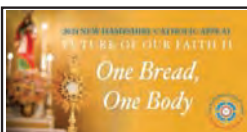


### MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGN

Our goal is **\$20,000.00**  
Please help us reach our goal.  
Currently we are at **\$12,249.00**

2025 Matching Gift Campaign is now officially begun and may run for approximately a few more weeks.

**Your generosity is greatly appreciated!**



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

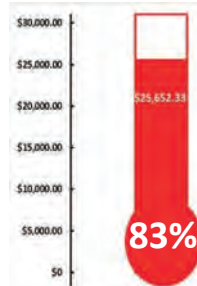
Currently we have raised **\$25,882.33**.  
Help us reach our goal!

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!*



### 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.**



*In Observance of*  
**Presidents' Day**

**The parish office will be closed  
Monday, February 17th.  
There will be no 12:10 Mass.**



### OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for February 9th **\$3,214.00**

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



### St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

The Food Pantry operates with a network of partners. We are a partner agency with the NH Food Bank and are Fresh Rescue partners with the two Dover Hannaford stores and Walmart in Newington.

Along with parishioners from St. Thomas More and St. George's who give weekly food donations we are well stocked. Our patrons are very thankful.

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:

- fabric softener
- dryer sheets
- toilet paper



### 200 CLUB

**3 WEEKS TO GO TO BE A BIG WINNER?**

at our

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



## Why the 200 Club?

The purpose of the 200 Club is to supplement the weekly collection in support of parish operations, programs and services. This additional revenue is required to offset variations in the weekly collections and the reduced income from some of the more traditional Parish fundraising activities. Specifically:

Our demographics are changing and the resources to conduct these traditional fundraising activities are diminishing.

Free time for many of our parishioners is an increasingly rare commodity making it difficult to engage in labor-intensive parish maintenance and fund-raising activities.

Despite aggressive expense controls, costs continue to rise for virtually all parish programs, pastoral, educational and diocesan as well as facilities maintenance, repair and utilities.

## 200 Club Rules

The Club is run by an administrative committee consisting of 4 Co-Chairs with the assistance of the St. Thomas More Finance committee.

The target is to have 200 members. Membership options are \$50 for a 3-month membership, \$100 for a 6-month membership and \$200 for a full year's membership.

Only parishioners can promote and/or solicit memberships.

Membership is open to all parishioners, relatives and friends 18 years of age and older. Membership numbers will be assigned on a first come/first served basis.

Numbers will be drawn monthly for 3 prizes: \$100, \$50 and \$25. Checks for prizes will be mailed to the lucky winners. Anniversary drawing prizes will be \$500, \$300 and \$100.

Only the numbers of members who are up to date in their monthly payments will be entered in the monthly drawing.

Members can win more than once.

After payment of prize money and related expenses, all revenues will become part of the St. Thomas More general fund. For the calendar year 2025, 200 Club revenues will be earmarked for support of the much-needed repairs and upgrades to the rectory.



### 200 Club Membership; New or Renewal Form

**Please Select:** New Membership ☐ Renewal ☐ Referred/Gifted by \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** First: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Included:** \_\_\_\_\_

(\$50 Quarterly Membership, \$100 Semi-Annual Membership, \$200 Annual Membership)

**Mail this subscription form and check to the Saint Thomas More parish office, PO Box 620, Durham, NH 03824. Please make sure that the check is made out to 'St. Thomas More Church' and the words '200 Club' appear on the memo line of the check.**

The **200** Club



# February 16th-22nd



**Monday 2/17** OCIA 8pm-Student Center

**Tuesday 2/18** Men's Group 7pm  
Women's Group 7pm

**Wednesday 2/19** CSO Meeting 7pm MUB 162

**Thursday 2/20** Food Pantry 2:00-6:30p (STM)

**Friday 2/21** CSO Board Meeting 4:30pm  
Adoration 7pm, STM

**Sunday 2/23** Student Mass/Supper 5pm

## DID YOU KNOW?

The First Council of Nicaea, convened in 325, condemned the heresy of Arianism. Arianism was first proposed by the Catholic priest Arius, who lived in Alexandria, Egypt. Arius promoted the claim that Jesus Christ was a creature and not fully divine.

### 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

STUDENT SUPPER TO FOLLOW ALL STUDENT MASSES!

Our Spring Retreat will take place on Saturday April 13th at St. Michael's in Exeter, NH. Planning is underway, but save the date in your calendars!!



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**February 20**—Sts. Jacinta (d. 1919) and Francisco Marto (d. 1920) Visionaries at Fatima. Cousins of Sister Lucia. Devoted to the rosary, penance, and reparations for souls.

**February 21**—St. Polycarp (d. 155) - Disciple of St. John the Apostle, friend of Ignatius of Antioch. Martyred at age 86. Earliest full account of Christian martyrdom—Acts of Polycarp.



### 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)

**Hope to see you at the next meeting**  
**February 19th at 7:00pm at the MUB 162**  
**Sunday Mass with Supper to Follow**  
**February 23rd**



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