

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 23, 2025 **Seventh 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

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(2/28/25) 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.

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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 BEGINNING IS
ALWAYS TODAY”**

Mary Shelly

I recently read “Walking a Literary Labyrinth,” A spirituality of reading, by Nancy Malone. I found the book in a

small book shop in Bethlehem, NH.

Evelyn Underhill (1985-1945), a popular English writer who wrote widely on mysticism and worship:

“Spiritual reading is, or at least can be, second only to prayer as a developer and supporter of the spiritual life.”

St. Augustine describes his conversion, not only as a turning point, but as the birth of a new self. “Tolle Lege,” “Take Up and Read,” leads Augustine to an act of self-transcendence.

The late Polish Nobel Laureate, Czeslaw Milosz (1911-2004), commenting on the evils of the last century pointed to certain writers whom he considered beacons of hope: The French philosopher and mystic Simone Weil, writer Albert Camus, and Trappist Monk Thomas Merton. Each of whom provided a depth of ideas for spiritual seekers.

So life is short, read well. Malone advised, “Why spend time reading only currently popular books most destined to be forgotten.” Seek out those that have endured by writers such as Austin, Dickens, Dostoevsky, Tolstoy, Willa Cather, James Joyce, and Henry James, among others.

Take and Read (and don’t forget poetry).

Fr. Andrew

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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

March 1st-2nd; Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Sirach 27:4-7
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58
Gospel: Luke 6:39-45



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

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

March 1st-2nd; Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – † Michael Healy
Sunday 9am – † Michael Kneeland, Jr
Sunday 11:15am – † Paul Kilian



STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

No Faith formation Classes February 23rd & March 2nd (School winter break)

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



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

As a Partner Agency of the NH Food Bank, we are able to access food at a very reduced rate. For the year 2024, we purchased 84,193 pounds of food equaling a fair market value of \$165,860. Overall for the State of New Hampshire, the NH Food Bank provided more than 17 million pounds of food for those who are food insecure in our state.

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:

- Paper towels
- Savory spices – thyme, parsley, basil
- Wet wipes



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

*Ed Donnelly
Dot Meneghin*

*Barbara Farrington Peter Farrington
Jody Newman Emma True Otterbein*

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



Prayer Shawl Ministry

*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 **\$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 **\$30,882.33.**

Help us reach our goal!

ONLY \$222.67 REMAINING

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.



200 CLUB

"2 weeks to go to be a big winner at the 200 Club; 7th anniversary drawing that has been rescheduled to March 9, 2025"

You could be a winner of \$500 or \$300 or \$100 – the special prizes at the **Seventh Anniversary 200 Club Drawing on March 9th** - but only if you are a member of the 200 Club and your **payment has been received at the parish office by Monday, March 3rd.**

Both enrollment and renewal are easy. There's plenty of time to become a new member or renew your membership before the March 9th 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.





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 23rd-March 1st



Monday 2/24 OCIA 8pm-Student Center

Tuesday 2/25 Men's Group 7pm
Women's Group 7pm

Wednesday 2/26 CSO Meeting 7pm MUB 162

Thursday 2/27 Food Pantry 2:00-6:30p (STM)

Friday 2/28 CSO Board Meeting 4:30pm

Adoration 7pm, STM

Sunday 3/2 Student Mass/Supper 5pm

DID YOU KNOW?

In every Catholic Church, there is a 'box' called the tabernacle where consecrated Hosts (Our Lord Himself) are reserved for adoration, worship, and for distribution of Holy Communion during the Mass and for the sick. While it's true the Monstrance holds the Host for adoration and worship, that Host is not for distribution to the sick.

UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Sunday, March 2nd	5pm
Sunday, March 9th	5pm
Sunday, March 16th	Spring Break
Sunday, March 23rd	Spring Break

STUDENT SUPPER TO FOLLOW ALL STUDENT MASSES!

LENT STARTS LATE THIS YEAR.
REMEMBER TO RECEIVE YOUR ASHES
NEXT WEEK ON ASH WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 5th.



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March 1—St. David (d. 589) Patron saint of Wales. Known for numerous miracles. Founder of a monastic order of profound strictness. His symbol is the leek.

March 3— St. Katharine Drexel (d. 1955) Heiress who gave away her large fortune to the poor. Devoted her life to missions with Native Americans and African Americans.



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

Hope to see you at the next meeting
February 26th at 7:00pm at the MUB 162
Sunday Mass with Supper to Follow
March 2nd

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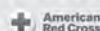
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