

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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May 25, 2025 Sixth Sunday of Easter



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SUNDAY LITURGIES

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

WEEKDAY MASS

12:10 Mass on Tuesday

No 12:10 Mass on Monday & Wednesday

Ascension Thursday (May 29th) Masses 12:10pm & 7pm

OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tues, 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 (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.

May 25, 2025
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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.*



GRACE BEFORE MEALS

Rupert Sheldrake in his book “Science and Spiritual Practices”, concludes the chapter “The Flow of Gratitude” by suggesting two ways of practicing gratitude:

- 1.) Count your Blessings*
- 2.) Say Grace Before Meals*

Regarding Grace before meals, Sheldrake writes: “In my own home, we hold hands around the table before we eat. Sometimes we sing a grace, and sometimes someone says a grace, and sometimes we spend a short period in silence together.”

If you are not already doing this, I suggest making this a practice in your own home.

“One eats in holiness and the table becomes an altar.”

Bless us dear Lord

Fr. Andrew

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MASSES & OFFICE HOURS

WEEKEND MASSES

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Reading I: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
Reading II: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23
Gospel: John 14:23-29

May 31st-June 1st; Seventh Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 7:55-60
Reading II: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20
Gospel: John 17:20-26



May 24th-25th; Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday 5pm – † Norma A. Monahan
Sunday 9am – † Lorie Cryans Fields (14th Anniversary)
Sunday 11:15am – † Daniel Wellehan

May 31st-June 1st; Seventh Sunday of Easter

Saturday 5pm – † Paul Cardarople
Sunday 9am – † Nora Kenndy
Sunday 11:15am – Gaius Monteyro (40th Birthday)



OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for May 18th **\$4,283.92**

“Give and it shall be given to you.” - Luke 6:38

Thank you for your generous contributions.



There will be **no 12:10 Mass** and the **Parish office will be closed on Monday, May 26th** in observance of Memorial Day.



PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS
(Tuesday after Memorial day—Labor day)
Begin Tuesday, May 27th Thru Sept 1st
Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays **9-1pm.**
Closed Wednesdays & Fridays.



The *Eucharistic Pilgrimage* will be stopping here at St. Thomas More Church on **Saturday, June 7th** from **7:10am-8:10am** with a procession around the block.
All are welcome to attend!

Anyone who is present to any part of the pilgrimage (even adoring our Lord as He passes by) can obtain the 2025 *Jubilee Year of Hope plenary indulgence and apostolic blessing* according to Bishop Libasci's decree and the norms for receiving plenary indulgences.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Ed Donnelly
Dot Meneghin**

Barbara Farrington Peter Farrington

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



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

If you are a vegetable gardener and would like to plant a row for the Food Pantry, please let me know as there is a UNH Extension Program that can assist you. We would welcome your extra produce.

If your late spring and/or summer plans are flexible, please consider adding some volunteer time to your week, we have options on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons; it will be most appreciated as the rest of our volunteers will also be heading for their summer vacations. Contact Regina Smick-Attisano at rasamom3@comcast.net for more details.

At the pantry this week, we have a need for:

- Relish
- Pickles
- Band aids



St. Thomas More goal is **\$31,101.00**
We have raised \$7,640.00

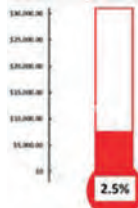
Help us reach our goal!
Thank you to all who have contributed. Feel free to take an envelope complete it and mail it

directly to **2025 NH Catholic Appeal**; drop it in the basket at the entrances of the Church; 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.



STA SAINTS 2025 SUMMER CAMPS

BASKETBALL (COED) JUNE 23-25 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM AGES 7-15 \$200.00	BASEBALL JULY 7-10 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM AGES 7-15 \$200.00
SOFTBALL JULY 7-9 SESSION #1: 3:30 - 5:30 PM SESSION #2: 6:00 - 8:00 PM AGES 7-15 \$150.00	BASKETBALL (COED) JULY 14-17 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM AGES 7-15 \$200.00
SOCCER (COED) JULY 21-24 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM AGES 7-15 \$200.00	FOOTBALL AUGUST 5-7 5:00 - 8:00 PM AGES 7-15 \$150.00

TO REGISTER, VISIT: WWW.STALUX.ORG/ATHLETICS/ATHLETIC-CAMPS/



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, May 26

St. Philip Neri

St. Philip Neri, the founder of a religious community of priests and lay brothers called the Oratory, was known for his humor and holiness. Look back on your day. Did you greet others joyfully? Did you cheerfully fulfill your responsibilities? Pray for the ability to find joy in your daily tasks. Ask St. Philip Neri to pray for you! *Today's readings: Acts 16:11–15; Psalm 149:1b–2, 3–4, 5–6a and 9b; John 15:26–16:4a.*

Tuesday, May 27

St. Augustine of Canterbury

Augustine was known as the “apostle of England.” He led monks from Rome to England to evangelize the Anglo-Saxons. As they journeyed to England, they heard stories that instilled fear in them; Augustine was filled with doubt about the mission and returned to Rome. Pope Gregory the Great reassured them, and they set out again for England. When have you doubted your abilities? Ask God for the confidence you need to respond to him. *Today's readings: Acts 16:22–34; Psalm 138:1–2ab, 2cde–3, 7c–8; John 16:5–11.*

Wednesday, May 28

Truth

Jesus tells his disciples that “the Spirit of truth . . . will guide you to all truth.” We know that the Spirit reveals the truth of God’s glory to us. If possible, attend daily Mass. *Today's readings: Acts 17:15, 22–18:1; Psalm 148:1–2, 11–12, 13, 14; John 16:12–15.*

Thursday, May 29

The Ascension

At Mass, we participate in the paschal mystery and are called to share the news of the miraculous events we witness. God accompanies us as we preach “in his name.” The Holy Spirit

strengthens us to joyfully accept the difficult yet transformative call to be followers of Christ. *Today's readings: Acts 1:1–11; Psalm 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9; Ephesians 1:17–23 or Hebrews 9:24–28; 10:19–23; Luke 24: 46–53.*

Thursday, May 29

St. Paul VI

In 1958, Pope John XXIII named Fr. Giovanni Battista Montini a cardinal. As cardinal, he helped prepare the Second Vatican Council. He was elected pope in June 1963. Pope Paul VI continued the Council, which reformed and renewed the Church. The Second Vatican Council called for the faithful’s full and active participation in the liturgy. What does that mean to you? *Today's readings: Acts 18:1–8; Psalm 98:1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4; John 16:16–20.*

Friday, May 30

Laboring

Jesus tells his disciples that pain, weeping, and grieving will precede their joy. He likens the Christian journey to a woman in labor: she is first “in anguish because her hour has arrived,” but then she “no longer remembers the pain because of her joy” once the child is born. This evening, hand your hardships and labor over to God. *Today's readings: Acts 18:9–18; Psalm 47:2–3, 4–5, 6–7; John 16:20–23.*

Saturday, May 31

The Visitation

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. When Mary learns that her cousin Elizabeth is also pregnant, she travels to visit her. Upon hearing Mary, Elizabeth’s baby leaps inside her womb and Elizabeth joyfully exclaims the joy of Mary as the mother of the Lord. Who has celebrated joyous moments with you? Pray in gratitude for the ways they have accompanied you through growth and celebration. *Today's readings: Zephaniah 3:14–18a or Romans 12:9–16; Isaiah 12:2–3, 4bcd, 5–6; Luke 1:39–56.*



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Radiating Splendor

God our Father,
have pity on us and bless us!
We come to you
with renewed hope
because your face shines upon us,
your splendor radiates around us!
May you continue
to make your way known to us.

Guide us in keeping your Word.
When we find ourselves troubled
and afraid,
help us rest,
knowing that you remain with us.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, May 25, 2025

The Guiding Spirit



Today's readings: Acts 15:1–2, 22–29; Psalm 67:2–3, 5, 6, 8; Revelation 21:10–14, 22–23; John 14:23–29. Next week, we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. This week, we hear Jesus remind the disciples that he will be “going away,” or ascending. He tells them that, even though he is joining the Father, he is with them: “The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.” The Holy Spirit is with us, too, inspiring us as we discern how to best respond to the call to be followers of Christ.

As the Easter season nears its end, prayerfully reflect on the ways the Holy Spirit has guided you. Begin your

reflection by invoking the Holy Spirit. (“Come, Holy Spirit.”) Light a candle, if possible. Where can you see God moving in your life? Consider the following: various settings that have moved or inspired you; conversations with friends or family that have helped clarify something for you; a passing thought or feeling that has resurfaced. Next, ask for the wisdom to respond!

The apostles were sent to pastorally respond to the needs of various communities. How have you been asked to respond to the needs around you? End your prayer by reading the Gospel passage. Sit with Jesus’ words: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.”

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