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June 8, 2025 Pentecost Sunday



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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 12:10pm Mass on Monday Tuesday and Wednesday

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.

June 8, 2025

Pentecost Sunday

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.

Pentecost
(Shavuot)



Lord, send the Holy Spirit of Pentecost into our hearts to keep us always in your love.

"Pentecost," meaning "fiftieth day," was the name given in the Jewish calendar for the fiftieth day after Passover. For the Christians, it is celebrated fifty days after Easter and commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit and the beginning of the Church.

Pentecost (Shavuot) celebrates for both religious communities the founding of the People of God. For Jews it recalls the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai, and for Christians the descent of the Holy Spirit among the apostles and their sending forth on mission.

Today we would do well to reflect on these special words of Jesus: "Receive the Holy Spirit." These words are addressed to the whole company of believers. The Spirit empowers us to forgive those who have offended us. This is not an impossible mission. In fact, to forgive another is a very practical exercise of opening oneself to the Spirit.

Have a Blessed Pentecost!
Fr. Andrew

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MASSES & OFFICE HOURS

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5pm
Sunday 9am, 11:15am

WEEKDAY MASS

No 12:10pm Mass on Monday, Tuesday Wednesday

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

June 7th-8th: Pentecost Sunday

Reading I: Acts 2:1-11
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
Gospel: John 20:19-23

June 14th-15th: Most Holy Trinity

Reading I: Proverbs 8:22-31
Reading II: Romans 5:1-5
Gospel: John 16:12-15



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Saturday 5pm – Rev Andrew Cryans
(**50th Ordination Anniversary**)
Sunday 9am – † Ron Cole
Sunday 11:15am – † John & Lucille McGinn

June 14th-15th: Most Holy Trinity

Saturday 5pm – Rev John P. Rosson
(**50th Ordination Anniversary**)
Sunday 9am – † Noel Austin
Sunday 11:15am – † Eileen Corrow



IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE!

Our St. Thomas More community will celebrate
Fr. Andrew and Fr. John's

50th Golden Jubilee

Sunday June 29th

with a **cookout** after the 11:15 am Mass
(if it rains, we'll be in the gym).

We are looking for **volunteers to bring side dishes/**
desserts. We also need help with cooking, set-up and
clean-up.

There are sign-ups at the entrance of the church.



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.



OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for May 25, 2025 **\$4,283.92**

Offertory for June 1, 2025 **\$5,443.00**

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



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ed Donnelly Barbara Farrington Peter Farrington
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For all our homebound and residents of our local nursing
homes and care facilities



St. Thomas More goal is **\$31,101.00**
We have raised \$11,443.00

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contributed. Feel free to take an
envelope complete it and mail it
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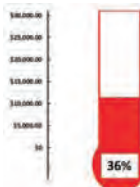
drop it in the basket at the entrances of the Church; place it in the
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Our Parish number code is 41830.



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

Thank you for your continual
support.



STM FAITH FORMATION

LIFE—Living In Faith Everyday

Registrations are now being accepted for all
Faith Formation classes for Kindergarten—8th
grade for the 2025-26 school year. Registration
forms can be found in the magazine rack at the back of the
church or online at:

<https://www.stmdurham.org/faith-formation/faith-formation-kindergarten-high-school>

If your child is in need of sacraments or if you need more
information, please call Ann McGurty at 603-868-2666 for
further information.

Faith Formation Calendar will be provided in early September.



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update-

We recently received a \$1200 grant for NH
Feeding NH from the NH Food Bank for use
in purchasing produce and products directly
from NH farmers and producers. We have been
successful in attaining this grant for several years; this
year's amount is much less than last year; however, we
have received funds from a parishioner to increase this
wonderful partnership with our local producers.

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

- Toothpaste
- Tissues
- Brownie mixes



200 Club

Your winnings could blossom at our
next drawing...but only if you are a 200
Club member. Make sure you have a
number. There's plenty of time to become
a new member or renew your membership before the June 29th
drawing.

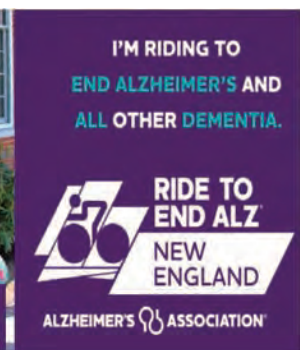
Both enrollment and renewal are easy. As the 200 Club
'year' ends in January, all annual new or renewal subscriptions
in June are \$140.

Quarterly and Semi annual subscriptions are available at
\$50 and \$100 respectively.

Simply write a check made payable to St. Thomas More
Church. Don't forget to also 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





THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Monday, June 9

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

The Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, is celebrated the Monday after Pentecost. Mary has the title “Mother of the Church” because she gave birth to Jesus, who is the Head of the Church. This evening, pray the Rosary or the Magnificat. Ask Mary to intercede for you. *Today’s readings: Genesis 3:9–15, 20 or Acts 1:12–14; Psalm 87:1–2, 3 and 5, 6–7; John 19:25–34.*

Monday, July 14

St. Kateri Tekakwitha

St. Kateri is the first North American native to be canonized. When she was four, her family died during a smallpox epidemic; she was left disfigured and half blind. Kateri was adopted by an uncle who did not approve of her interest in Catholicism, but she still converted to the faith at age nineteen. To celebrate St. Kateri, spend time learning about her dedication to her faith. How can you be a witness to her example? *Today’s readings: Exodus 1:8–14, 22; Psalm 50:8–9, 16bc–17, 21 and 23; Matthew 10:34–11:1.*

Tuesday, July 22

St. Mary Magdalene

St. Mary Magdalene, one of Jesus’ disciples, accompanied the Lord in his darkest time, during his crucifixion. Mary Magdalene was one of the witnesses chosen to announce the resurrection to the apostles; because of this, she is known as the “apostle to the apostles.” Today, prayerfully read John 20:1–2, 11–18. How are you, like Mary Magdalene, a witness to the resurrection of our Savior? How can you tell others that you have “seen the Lord?” *Today’s readings: Song of Songs 3:1–4b or 2 Corinthians 5:14–17; Psalm 63:2, 3–4, 5–6, 8–9; John 20:1–2, 11–18.*

Tuesday, July 29

Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

Jesus visits Martha and Mary after Lazarus, their brother, died. Martha and Mary, at different times in John 11, approach Jesus and say to him: “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” Later in John 11, we read that Jesus weeps when he sees Lazarus’ body. Jesus weeps with us in our times of grief and sadness. This evening, learn about Ignatian contemplation, also known as imaginative prayer or Gospel contemplation. After learning about this form of prayer, practice it while reading of the raising of Lazarus (John 11:1–44). *Today’s readings: Exodus 33:7–11, 34:5b–9; Psalm 34:2–3, 4–5, 6–7, 8–9, 10–11; John 11:19–27.*

Friday, August 8

St. Dominic

St. Dominic, a Spanish priest, was known for his preaching. He founded the Order of Preachers, also known as the Dominicans. The Dominicans follow four pillars: prayer, study, community, and preaching. After Dominic’s example, they dedicate themselves to balancing these four pillars in their lives to proclaim the Good News. How can you dedicate yourself to prayerfully study your faith? Consider joining a Bible study at a parish near you. *Today’s readings: Deuteronomy 4:32–40; Psalm 96:1–2a, 2b–3, 7–8a, 10; Matthew 16:24–28.*

Wednesday, August 27

St. Monica

Monica was St. Augustine of Hippo’s mother. Most of what we know about her comes from Augustine’s writings. In his *Confessions*, Augustine describes himself as a wayward son. St. Monica had a vision that assured her he would return to the faith, so she dedicated herself to praying and fasting for him. St. Monica teaches us the importance of patient, disciplined prayer. Today, ask St. Monica to join you as you bring your intentions to God. *Today’s readings: 1 Thessalonians 2:9–13; Psalm 131:1bcde, 2, 3; Matthew 23:27–32.*



SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST



Come, Dwell in Us!

Come,
God our Liberator,
send your Spirit to dwell in us,
so that we can proclaim
your mighty acts.
Come,
help us live by your Spirit,
to turn away from a life dictated
by sinful desires.

Come,
kindle in us the fire of your love.
Come,
renew the face of the earth!
May we be glorified with Jesus,
our Redeemer.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Sunday, June 8, 2025

Receive the Spirit



Today's readings: Acts 2:1–11; Psalm 104:1, 24, 29–30, 31, 34; 1 Corinthians 12:3b–7, 12–13 or Romans 8:8–17; John 14:15–16, 23b–26 or John 20:19–23. In the Gospel from John 20, we hear that the disciples had locked themselves up, for fear of those who were persecuting Jesus' followers. After Jesus' crucifixion, the disciples were lost, unsure of what to do next. Despite the locked doors, Jesus appears to them and says: "Peace be with you." They rejoice when they see his wounds, indeed confirming what Mary Magdalene announced to them: "I have seen the Lord" (20:18, just prior to today's reading). Jesus sends the disciples out, breathing on them: "Receive the holy Spirit." After receiving the

Spirit, the disciples have the courage to come out of hiding; they understand their mission to share the Good News and are equipped with what they need to do so.

The Solemnity of Pentecost celebrates God's sending of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' disciples after his resurrection. This solemnity marks the end of the Easter season. On this day, we are reminded to call on the Holy Spirit every day. The Holy Spirit emboldens us to respond to our call to go out and share the truth of life after death in Christ. Let us pray for a deeper indwelling of the Holy Spirit, that we may receive the courage, wisdom, and patience needed to listen to the ways God moves in our lives.

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