

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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September 7, 2025-Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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SUNDAY LITURGIES

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

WEEKDAY MASS

12:10pm Mass on Mon, Tues & Wed in the Church

OFFICE HOURS

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



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Will be offered Friday(9/12/25) 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.

September 7th, 2025
Twenty-Third 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.*



**Anniversary of
September 11th**

It hardly seems possible that 24 years have passed since the tragedy and terror of September 11, 2001. This Thursday we mark the sad anniversary of the attacks on New York City's World Trade Center, the Pentagon and the airplane that crashed in the Pennsylvania countryside. Those fateful television images of blue sky, towering buildings and orange-black fireballs are seared in our minds.

Fr. Mychal Judge, a Franciscan priest, was chaplain to the New York city Fire Department. Standing beneath Tower Two, the beloved priest administered the final Sacrament to an unidentified fireman. When Father Judge removed his helmet to pray, he was killed by a rain of debris.

Writer Hampton Sides noted "They carried him to Saint Peter's, the oldest Roman Catholic Church in Manhattan, and laid him at the altar. Then they shrouded him in a white sheet and placed his helmet on his chest. Father Judge was the first recorded fatality of the Twin Tower tragedy. Literally, his death certificate was stamped '1'."

This wonderful priest died with a dying man in his arms. The homilist at his funeral Mass, Fr. Michael Duffy, said, "Fr. Judge was praying...he was talking to God, he was helping someone. Can we honestly think of a better way to die?"

So on this 24th Anniversary, I invite you to turn to the infinite resources of almighty God. May our God help us to Remember, to Heal and to Live.

In the Peace of Christ,
Father Andrew

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MASSES & OFFICE HOURS

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Sunday 9am, 11:15am

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September 6th-7th; 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Wisdom 9:13-18b
Reading II: Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

September 13th-14th; Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Reading I: Numbers 21:4b-9
Reading II: Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel: John 3:13-17



September 6th-7th; 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – † Patrick McGurty (18th Anniversary)
Sunday 9am – † Helen Donnelly
Sunday 11:15am – † Walter Polt

September 13th-14th; Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Saturday 5pm – Mary Eva Letourneau (2nd Anniversary)
Sunday 9am – † Dorothy Kazor
Sunday 11:15am – † John Gordon



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 Parent Meeting on Sunday, September 21st at 10am in the Parish Center Gym.



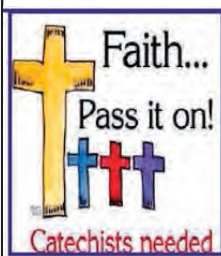
St. Thomas More Food Pantry

Looking to gain passage through the narrow gate? Try volunteering at our pantry. There are many ways to help with the daily operations that keep the pantry running smoothly. Volunteer opportunities are typically available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

If you have some extra time in your week or month, contact Regina Smick-Attisano – rasamom3@comcast.net for the details.

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

- instant coffee
- toothpaste
- brownie mix



Catechists Needed

We are looking for Catechists (teachers) & assistants for all grades Kindergarten-5th gr.

Come share your gifts, talents and your faith with our students.

For more information, please contact Ann McGurty at 603-868-2666 or email at stmdurham@comcast.net



Congratulations to those 200 Club members who received great winnings in August

**Regina Leahy
Robert Worrell
Ariana Marnicio**

There's plenty of time to become a new member or renew your membership before the September 28th drawing.

Both enrollment and renewal are easy. 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

Thank you for your support



St. Thomas More goal is **\$31,101.00**

We have raised **\$20,525.12**

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**:

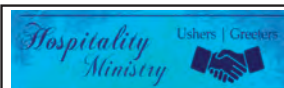
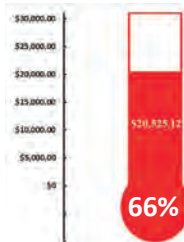
drop it in the basket at the entrances of the Church; place it in the collection basket; or go online at www.catholicnh.org/nhca

Our Parish number code is **41830**.



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

Thank you for your continual support.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING A MINISTER OF HOSPITALITY TO WELCOME PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS TO OUR COMMUNITY?

We are in need of Ushers & Greeters, for all Masses, especially on Sundays at 11:15am. If interested, please contact Ann McGurty at the office at 603-868-2666.

Training will be provided.

Special Collection This weekend

The USCCB is asking all bishops throughout the country to consider taking up a special collection in response to violence and war occurring in Gaza and the Middle East. To that end, Bishop Libasci is inviting all parishes to voluntarily take up a special relief collection during the weekends of September 6-7.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Ed Donnelly Barbara Farrington Peter Farrington
Dot Meneghin Kathy Thayer Bernadette Komonchak**

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

May the gracious care of God be ours.





CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Week of September 7-14

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY 9/7	STUDENT MASS 5pm, followed by BBQ
TUESDAY 9/9	Men's Groups/Women's Groups
WEDNESDAY 9/10	CSO All Student Meeting 7pm-MUB 162
THURSDAY 9/11	Food Pantry 2-6pm
FRIDAY 9/12	Adoration, 7pm-STM
SUNDAY 9/14	Student Mass 5p, Supper to follow

A Homecooked meal to follow Student Masses!

UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Sunday, September 7th	5pm—Followed by Cookout!
Sunday, September 14th	5pm
Sunday, September 21st	5pm
Sunday, September 28th	5pm
Sunday, October 5th	5pm

We held our first CSO meeting on Wednesday, August 27th at 7:00pm in MUB 162. We had a great turnout! Come join us every Wednesday same place, same time for faith, fellowship, and fun.



PRAYER OF THOMAS AQUINAS, PATRON OF STUDENTS

Creator of all things, true source of light and wisdom, origin of all being, graciously let a ray of your light penetrate the darkness of my understanding. Take from me the double darkness in which I have been born, an obscurity of sin and ignorance. Give me a keen understanding, a retentive memory, and the ability to grasp things correctly and fundamentally. Grant me the talent of being exact in my explanations and the ability to express myself with thoroughness and charm, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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September 11— Cyprian of Carthage (d.258) Bishop. Cared for Plague Victims. Followed a middle way for welcoming back apostates after the Decian persecution. Rejected the baptism of heretics.



September 13— John Chrysostom (d. 407) Bishop of Constantinople. Prophetic voice against the hypocritical rich and powerful. Noted preacher, called the "Golden-tongued". Died in exile for his devotion to the truth.

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UNH Catholic Student Organization News for Fall 2025 Students

If you would like additional information, please contact our **Campus Minister**:

Derick Alexandre—dalexandre@outlook.com

or

CSO President: Sarah Hunton shunton@usnh.edu

Stay tuned for more exciting events happening this semester.

Hope to see you at the next meeting
September 10th at 7:00pm at the MUB 162

Sunday Mass with Supper to Follow
September 14th at 5pm

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time / Luke 14:25-33

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Jesus Addressed	A	D	D	R	E	S	S	E	D	C	R	O	S	S	Y
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Traveling With Them	C	H	T	W	D	I	O	V	A	R	T	C	O	L	S
Saying Discipleship	E	E	H	A	P	P	I	N	E	S	S	A	I	V	S
Requires Total	P	M	O	R	C	J	E	W	R	A	U	R	T	A	N
Dedication Avoid	T	E	T	D	A	H	E	O	G	Y	M	R	C	T	O
Distractions Attachments	I	E	J	S	O	V	M	S	S	I	N	Y	A	I	I
Family Possessions	N	R	E	Q	U	I	R	E	S	N	O	W	R	O	S
Must Carry Own	G	A	S	D	W	O	R	C	N	G	I	I	T	N	S
Cross Accepting	H	P	U	D	S	L	A	T	O	T	S	T	S	N	E
Hardships Prepare	I	E	S	G	O	D	H	A	R	D	S	H	I	P	S
Rewards Peace Love	T	R	A	V	E	L	I	N	G	T	I	O	D	S	S
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