

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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September 21, 2025-**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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SUNDAY LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am; 11:15 am & 5pm-When UNH is in Session

WEEKDAY MASS

12:10pm Mass on Mon & Wed in the Church
Bob Brown Funeral -Tuesday , Sept 23rd at 11am

OFFICE HOURS

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



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Will be offered Friday 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 21, 2025
Twenty-Fifth 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.*

Seeking God's Presence

Within each of us is a yearning for union with God. We experience glimpses of the holy in our everyday lives and know that such mystery is of God. Such longings and experiences are our spirituality or spiritual life.



The great mystic and writer, Evelyn Underhill, wrote:

“A spiritual life is simply a life in which all that we do comes from the center, where we are anchored in God: a life soaked through and through by a sense of His reality and claim, and self-given to the great movement of His Will.”

The Spiritual Life 35-36

In short, spirituality is ordering our lives in such a way that we place ourselves under the influence, guidance, wisdom and love of God's Holy Spirit.

How do we do this? I suggest that we simply ask God for the treasure our hearts desire. Ask and pray. Some words from Saint Anselm might assist us:

***“O Lord my God,
teach my heart where and how to seek you,
where and how to find you...
Let me find you by loving you.”***

*Blessing on you,
Fr. Andrew*

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Reading I: Amos 8:4-7
Reading II: 1 Timothy 2:1-8
Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

September 27th-28th; 26th Sunday in ordinary Time

Reading I: Amos 6:1a, 4-7
Reading II: 1 Timothy 6:11-16
Gospel: Luke 16:19-31



September 20th-21st; 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – † Deceased Members of Cardarople & LaRoche Families
Sunday 9am – † Jack McLaughlin (2nd Anniversary)
Sunday 11:15am– † Walter Polt

September 27th-28th; 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – Marci Erickson
Sunday 9am – † Meredith Mistretta
Sunday 11:15am– † June Murphy (1st Anniversary)



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.

Classes begin Sunday, Sept 28th 9am & 10am



Catechists Needed

We are looking for Catechists (teachers) & assistants for grades Kindergarten/1st (combined class) and 4th/5th (combined class). 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@stmdurham.org



COME AND SEE -OCIA (formerly RCIA)

**Monday Sept 22nd at 7pm
in the Student Center Library**

If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church, and wonder what the Church teaches; what the Sacraments, especially Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist really mean; and what it means to practice the Catholic faith.

Contact Derick Alexandre (stmunh@stmdurham.org) or call 603-868-2666 or Roberta MacBride at 603-868-2666 (stmpastoralmin@stmdurham.org) to begin the conversation.



"I am the Resurrection and the life"

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Bob Brown**

Funeral Mass will be here at STM on

Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 11am.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



St. Thomas More goal is **\$31,101.00**
We have raised **\$20,975.12**

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

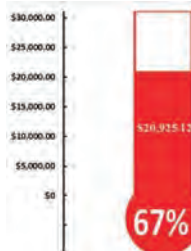
the basket at the entrances of the Church; place it in the collection basket; or go online at www.catholicnh.org/nhca

Our Parish number code is 41830.



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

Thank you for your continual support.



St. Thomas More has New Emails

Beginning immediately, the following emails are available

Fr. Andrew Cryans

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Ann McGurty

stmdurham@stmdurham.org

Roberta MacBride

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(Please update these Emails in your address book)



OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for September 14, 2025 **\$5,996.25**

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

Thank you for your generous contributions.



St. Thomas More Food Pantry

Over the summer months, our Pantry has received fresh produce from local NH farmers – Union Lake Orchard in Barrington for peaches, and TeeCee Farm in Durham for sweet corn and other vegetables. We are greatly appreciative; if you visit these farms, please express our thanks.

We have a need for help with our scheduled pick-up from Hannaford on Grapevine Road in Dover. This is typically done on Wednesday morning. The commitment is once a month. I can provide all the information if you want to learn more. Just contact Regina at rasamom3@comcast.net and I'll send you the information.

This week, at the pantry, we need the following items:

- Hot Sauces
- Snacks like Peanut Butter Crackers & Hand soaps



200 Club

*If you are a 200 Club member, you could be a winner at our next drawing on **September 28th**.*

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Week of September 22-28

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY 9/21 STUDENT MASS 5pm, followed by supper.

TUESDAY 9/23 Men's Group 7pm Lighthouse

Women's Group 7pm Sarah's Apartment

WEDNESDAY 9/24 CSO All Student Meeting 7pm-MUB 162

THURSDAY 9/25 Food Pantry 2-6pm

FRIDAY 9/27 CSO Board Meeting 5:30-6:30pm
Adoration, 7pm STM Church

DID YOU KNOW?

The fish, or **ICHTHUS**, is the symbol used by early Christians to identify themselves in times of persecution. In Greek, **ICHTHUS** (ΙΧΘΥΣ) is a monogram for the first five letters of the words "Jesus Christ Son of God, Savior."

UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Sunday, September 21st	5pm
Sunday, September 28th	5pm
Sunday, October 5th	5pm
Sunday, October 12th	HOLIDAY

A Homecooked meal to follow Student Masses!

This year's Fall Retreat will take place on **Saturday, November 1st**. Mark your calendars!!
Venue TBD. More to come soon!



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September 24- John Henry Newman (d. 1890).

Convert from Anglicanism. Cardinal. Wrote a famous spiritual autobiography. Wrote about the development of doctrine.

September 26- Paul VI (d. 1978) Presided over most of Vatican II. Last Pope to receive papal

coronation. Wrote about evangelization and natural reproductive methods.

September 27- Vincent de Paul (d. 1660) Champion of the poor. Advisor to royalty. Founded the Daughters of Charity. Numerous charitable societies are named after him.



UNH Catholic Student Organization News for Fall 2025 Students

If you would like additional information, please contact our

Campus Minister, Derick Alexandre:
stmunh@stmdurham.org

or

Sarah.Hunton@unh.edu, President CSO

*Stay tuned for more exciting events
happening this semester.*

*Hope to see you at the next meeting
September 24th at 7:00pm at the MUB 162*

*Sunday Mass with Supper to Follow
September 28th at 5pm*

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Gospel Today

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Luke 16:1-13

The person who is honest and trustworthy in small matters, will be honest and trustworthy in great ones.

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PARENT/GUARDIAN INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

- Circle your answers and talk about them -



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If you eat more than your share...

YES, it was me -
I ate all the cookies.

or

NO, I don't know who
ate all the cookies.

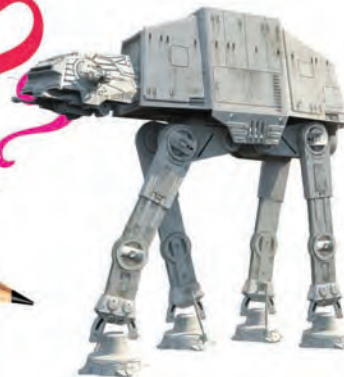


If you break something
that is not yours...

SORRY, I broke your
pencil by accident.

or

I don't know how your
pencil got broken.



If you find property
that is not yours...

I saw my friend / classmate
drop this, I am glad to return it.

or

I like this, I might
keep it for myself.



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