

# Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

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October 5, 2025-**Twenty-Seventh 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, Tues & Wed in the Church

## OFFICE HOURS

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

**Food Pantry-Thursdays 4-6pm**



## 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](http://stmdurham.org).

**October 5, 2025**  
**Twenty–Seventh 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.*



<i>Mary the dawn, Christ the perfect day.</i>	<i>Mary the temple, Christ the temple's Lord.</i>
<i>Mary the gate, Christ the heavenly way.</i>	<i>Mary the shrine, Christ the God adored.</i>
<i>Mary the root, Christ the mystic vine.</i>	<i>Mary the beacon, Christ the haven's rest.</i>
<i>Mary the grape, Christ the sacred wine.</i>	<i>Mary the mirror, Christ the vision blest.</i>
<i>Mary the stem, Christ the rose blood-red.</i>	<i>Mary the mother, Christ the mother's Son.</i>
<i>Mary the font, Christ the cleansing flood.</i>	<i>By all things blest While endless ages run.</i>

*October is a month to honor the Mother of the Lord. These simple verses are an old favorite of mine. I hope it is as helpful to you as it has been to me.*

*Fr. Andrew*

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Reading I: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4  
Reading II: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14  
Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

**October 11th-12th; 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Reading I: 2 Kings 5:14-17  
Reading II: 2 Timothy 2:8-13  
Gospel: Luke 17:11-19



**October 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>; 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday 5pm –† John Gordon  
Sunday 11:15am– † Paul Cox  
Sunday 11:15am– † Margaret Selg

**October 11th-12th; 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday 5pm –† Rich Erickson  
Sunday 9am – † Jennifer Swope  
Sunday 11:15am– † Noel Austin



## STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

### Faith Formation Grades K-5 Classes- October 5th

For more information please contact Ann McGurty  
[stmdurham@stmdurham.org](mailto:stmdurham@stmdurham.org) or call 603 868-2666

#### 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

##### Next Class October 5th

10:00am-Middle School (Grades 6-8) Gym –See MS Calendar

*LIFE– Living In Faith Everyday*



## STM FAITH FORMATION

*LIFE– Living In Faith Everyday*

Registrations are now being accepted for all Faith Formation classes for K–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.

*Classes have begun, it's not too late to register.*

### COME AND SEE -OCIA formerly RCIA

It's not too late to join us 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](mailto:stmunh@stmdurham.org)) or call 603-868-2666 or **Roberta MacBride** at 603-868-2666 ([stmpastoralmin@stmdurham.org](mailto:stmpastoralmin@stmdurham.org)) to begin the conversation.



#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

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



#### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meets on Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>,  
at 11:30 in the student center library  
*All interested in knitting & crocheting are*



#### OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for September 28, 2025 **\$4,519.00**

*"Give and it shall be given to you." - Luke 6:38*  
*Thank you for your generous contributions.*



### St. Thomas More Food Pantry

Thank you to a volunteer coming forward to help with the pickup in Dover, however, we still have a need for additional help with one of our regular teams collecting from the Hannaford on Grapevine Road in Dover typically once a month on a Wednesday morning. I can provide all the information if you want to learn more.

Just contact Regina at [rasamom3@comcast.net](mailto:rasamom3@comcast.net) and I'll send you the information.

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

- Chili seasoning packets
- Pretzels
- Deodorants

### 200 Club



The 200 Club drawing for September was held this past Sunday with mixed feelings of appreciation and sadness over the passing of Bob (Boca) Brown. Bob was instrumental in the success of the 200 Club having served on the 200 Club steering committee and, with the assistance of his wife Cathy, held the drawings each month since the club's inception in 2018. Bob's help, advice, positive attitude and gentility will be sorely missed. Henceforth, the September 200 Club drawings will be held in Bob's honor:

Fall foliage is bringing bright color to our world, And the 200 Club October drawing brought green \$\$ to the world of:

**Cormac O'Neill**  
**William Spratt**  
**Carol Prescott**

**Congratulations to the winners for September.**

There's plenty of time to become a new member or renew your membership before the **October 26th** drawing.

Both enrollment and renewal are easy. Annually, Quarterly, & 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](mailto:tomdolan84@hotmail.com) or 603-519-0369

*A special note of thanks to all those who have supported and continue to support the club. You have made a difference!!*







## Christmas Fair Volunteers Needed!

"Summer is over, fall is here, and before you know it the holidays will be upon us. It is now time to start **planning for the Christmas Craft Fair** which will be on **Saturday, December 6th** this year. The initial planning meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, October 16th, at 6:30pm.**

We are seeking all interested volunteers, both past and present, to please attend if interested. Last year's fair was a huge success and we wouldn't be able to do it without you! If you have any questions, please reach out to Kara Kane (603-767-9837)."



St. Thomas More goal is **\$31,101.00**  
We have raised **\$21,079.37**

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**:

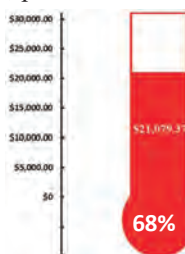
drop it in the basket at the entrances of the Church; place it in the collection basket; or go online at [www.catholicnh.org/nhca](http://www.catholicnh.org/nhca)

Our Parish number code is **41830**.



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

*Thank you for your continual support.*



## FALL VOLUNTEER CLEAN-UP DAY!

We are planning a **Fall Volunteer Workday** on

**Saturday, October 18, 2025**, from **9:00 AM to 2:00 PM** rain-or-shine (but you can come for all or part of the event when you can). We will have both indoor and outdoor projects ready and will go with what the weather allows. We will have sign-up lists at the back of the Church during the weekends leading up to the day. The PFC will provide the supplies that will be needed for the tasks.

Many of the cleanup and maintenance projects on the Parish Finance Council's "Big List" of things that need to be done can be done safely and effectively by Parish volunteers under the direction of our Parish Maintenance Director or a qualified designee. Not only will taking on these tasks with members of the Parish improve and beautify our Parish environment, but completing the projects with volunteers will save the Parish the cost of getting these services from outside firms. We have also found that bringing parishioners together to accomplish a common goal provides an opportunity for them to meet one another and strengthen our Parish community. A great by-product also will be increased pride in our shared Parish home.

Thank you in advance. Please come out and join in the fun!



## ST. FRANCIS' BLESSING OF PETS & ANIMALS



Sun, Oct 5<sup>th</sup>

1pm Church back lawn

The Feast of St. Francis reminds us that all creation is a sacred gift and we are responsible to respect and care for all life.

On Oct 5th, we will celebrate all creation with special music, prayers, and environment at all Masses, as well as our STM tradition of **Blessing of Animals/Pets** at 1pm on the back lawn or in the gym if it rains.

**BRING PETS ON A LEASH OR IN A CAGE (no snakes, please)**, to the back lawn. Fr. Andy will lead prayer & bless all pets by name. Pet food donations for the food pantry Appreciated.



### St. Thomas More has New Emails

Beginning immediately, the following emails are available

**Fr. Andrew Cryans**  
[andrewstm@stmdurham.org](mailto:andrewstm@stmdurham.org)

**Ann McGurty**  
[stmdurham@stmdurham.org](mailto:stmdurham@stmdurham.org)

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(Please update these Emails in your address book)



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Week of October 5th-October 11th

## WEEKLY EVENTS

**SUNDAY 10/5** STUDENT MASS 5pm, followed by supper.

**TUESDAY 10/7** Men's Group 7pm Lighthouse

Women's Group 7pm Sarah's Apartment- Gables

**WEDNESDAY 10/8** CSO All Student Meeting  
7pm-MUB 162

**THURSDAY 10/9** Food Pantry 2-6pm

**FRIDAY 10/10** CSO Board Meeting 5:30-6:30pm  
Adoration, 7pm STM Church

### DID YOU KNOW?

*Christ's Passion culminated in the "finishing" of the Passover meal: Begun the night before when he took the final "drink" from the cup of blessing when the sour wine was offered to Him on the sponge when he exclaimed, "I thirst." His saying "It is finished" not only points to the fact that our salvation was now effected, but also to His Passover meal also being finished.*

### UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Sunday, October 5th	5pm
Sunday, October 12th	<b>HOLIDAY-No Mass/Meal</b>
Sunday, October 19th	5pm
Sunday, October 26th	5pm

A Homecooked meal to follow Student Masses!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Our CSO PowerPoint Night will take place on Friday October 17th . Prepare a fun and quirky topic to entertain your Brothers and Sisters in Christ.



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**October 2-Feast of the Guardian Angels**

**October 4-Francis of Assisi (d. 1226)**

Totally dedicated to poverty and the poor. Mystic and Stigmatist. Founded the Franciscan mendicant

order. Established the first creche. Had dialogue with Muslim rulers.

**October 5-Faustina Kowalska (d. 1938).**

Polish nun. Had visions of Christ.

Established the Divine Mercy devotion. cl



### 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](mailto:stmunh@stmdurham.org)

OR

[Sarah.Hunton@unh.edu](mailto:Sarah.Hunton@unh.edu) , President CSO

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

**Hope to see you at the next meeting**  
October 8th at 7:00pm at the MUB 162

**Sunday Mass with Supper to Follow**  
October 12th at 5pm

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