

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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November 16, 2025-33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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SUNDAY LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am; 11:15 am & 5pm Mass (When UNH is in Session)

WEEKDAY MASS

12:10pm Mass on Mon, Tue & Wed

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 603-868-2666

First Communion, First Reconciliation & Youth Confirmation:

Call Director of Faith Formation 603-868-2666

For Parish Registration call 603-868-2666 or visit stmdurham.org.

November 16, 2025
33rd 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.



Sabbath

The word Sabbath is from the Hebrew "Shabbat," meaning "to cease, desist." The weekly day of rest and abstention from work

enjoined upon the Israelites (Genesis 2:1-3) was appropriated by the Christians, and Sunday became our chief liturgical day.

We need to stop, to pause, to pray. Perhaps begin your next Sabbath by reading Fr. Andrew Costello's Sabbath Prayer, the text of which follows:

***GOD of sunrises and sunsets,
God of Mondays to Fridays,
teach me how to slow down and enjoy
Saturdays and Sundays.
Teach me how to Sabbath.
Teach me how to calm down
and actually taste the gift of a day off.
Teach me how to slow down enough to see
all that I'm missing
and to miss all that I'm seeing:
those tiny things, those annoyances,
that keep on wearing me down
day after day after day.
Help me to see people for their gifts,
instead of seeing them for their faults.
Help me to listen to the person I'm with,
instead of saying the same old responses
said in the same old way,
day after day after day.
God of sunrises and sunsets,
teach me how to relax and enjoy
Saturdays and Sundays,
so I'll be a better person
Mondays' to Fridays.***

-Andrew Costello

Celebration of Sabbath expresses the belief that our time belongs ultimately to God.

Fr. Andrew

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MASSES & OFFICE HOURS

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November 15th-16th; 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Malachi 3:19-20a

Reading II: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

November 22nd-23rd; Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Reading I: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

Reading II: Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43



November 15th-16th; 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – ☩ Jeff Waterhouse

Sunday 9am – ☩ Lorie Cryans Fields

Sunday 11:15am – ☩ Charlie Kavanaugh (2nd Anniversary)

November 22nd-23rd; Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Saturday 5pm –☩ Norma Gee

Sunday 9am – ☩ Katherine Muth (1st Anniversary)

Sunday 11:15am– ☩ Christine Mason



STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

For more information please contact
Ann McGurty stmdurham@stmdurham.org
or call 603 868-2666

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Grades K-5th Classes

Faith Formation Grades K-5 Classes– November 16th

Middle School Youth Ministry

Next Middle School Class November 16th

10:00am-Middle School (Grades 6-8) Gym
See Middle School Calendar for upcoming dates

LIFE: Living In Faith Everyday



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

During the month of October, we served 402 patrons from nine towns. Our volunteers are a great group keeping the pantry running at full capacity. Your help is needed to give our volunteers a break. Please let me know if you have some spare time in your week and I'll find a place for you. My email is rasamom3@comcast.net.

Additionally, a shout out to San-Wal Farm in Lee for their discounted squash and pumpkins and donated produce this Fall.

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

- Deodorant
- Condiments
- Green Tea



OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for November 9th 2025 **\$5,442.00**

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



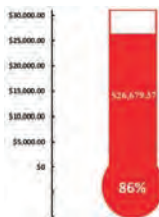
St. Thomas More goal is **\$31,101.00**
We have raised **\$26,679.37**

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

Our Parish number code is 41830.

Thank you for your continual support.



200 CLUB

It's time to be thankful!

If you have a number, you might be a thankful winner at the next 200 Club drawing on November 30th.

There's plenty of time to become a new member or renew your membership before the **November 30th** 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 write **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

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



STM CHRISTMAS 2025 GIVING PROJECT FOR CHILDREN

This year we are working with the Durham Fire Dept in collecting **brand new unwrapped toys and coats** for children (infant–high school) from **Nov 9th -Dec 14th**.

There will be designated boxes between the glass doors at the Student Center for coats and toys. Gift cards are accepted but please bring to the Office.

As always, thank you for your generosity!



Remember your deceased loved ones by recording their names in our Book of Remembrance throughout the month of November.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Ed Donnelly
Peter Farrington
Barbara Farrington**

**Christine Johnston
Dot Meneghin
Bernadette Komonchak**

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





Annual DURHAM CHURCHES' CHRISTMAS FAIR

Food, fellowship, & fun!

**Saturday
Dec 6th
9am-2pm**

Raffle, Silent & Online Auctions

St. George's Famous Felt Birds

Children's Activities, Puzzles & Cookie Walk

Wreaths & Christmas Decor

Jewelry & Gifts

Soups, Comfort Food & Baked Goods



Come visit ALL of our Downtown Churches
...within walking distance!

Echo Thrift Shop will be open!



*Christmas Fair
Volunteers Needed!*


STM Christmas Fair
Saturday, Dec 6, 2025

The STM Christmas Fair is one of our biggest Fundraisers for the parish and **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**


The Christmas Fair is in need of volunteers for the various tables and activities at the fair: White Elephant, Bake Table, Basket Raffle, Pets, Jewelry, Accessories, Crafts, Set-up and Clean-up, etc... We are also looking for someone who would be interested in assisting with advertising/ promotion. Please contact **Kara Kane directly at 603-767-9837** if you are able to assist with one of these roles.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

If you are able to help with raffle prize donations and/or gift baskets, all donations will be greatly appreciated. **Please drop off all Gift Baskets by Thursday, Dec 4th.** Monetary gifts are also accepted as we can use these to purchase raffle items. Many businesses will donate items at this time of year, so please check to see if your company participates in charitable giving. **THANK YOU!**



**THANKSGIVING PIE
FUNDRAISER**



The CSO students are currently taking orders for Apple & Pumpkin Pies for Thanksgiving.

\$12 per pie or 2 pies for \$20

All orders must be received by **Thursday, Nov 20th**
Forms are available at the entrances of Church .

Pick up pies on Mon, Nov. 24th & Tues, Nov. 25th
(See section below for time pick-ups)

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all of our parish family members and the Durham community for your generous support this year for our Thanksgiving Food Baskets! Our cups runneth over and you warmed our hearts with one of the largest donations we have ever received.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving with your family and friends and again, thank you!

It is Greatly Appreciated!



Don't Forget to Order your Pies

ORDER FORM due by **Thursday, Nov 20th** Please complete this form and mail or bring in person with money)

\$12 per pie or 2 pies for \$20 Apple Pie # _____
 Pumpkin Pie # _____

I am paying by (check one): **cash** _____ **check** _____ (please make all checks out to Diocese of Manchester)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Come by the **Catholic Student Center** (next to the Church) on **Monday, Nov 24th between 11am-6pm** or **Tuesday, November 25th between 11am-6pm** to pick up your pies

Thank you for your choice to help support the Catholic Student Organization at UNH. Have a blessed holiday season!





CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Week of November 17th-23rd

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAY 11/17 OCIA 7pm Student Center

TUESDAY 11/18 Men's Group-Lighthouse 7pm

Women's Group-Sarah's Apartment 7pm

WEDNESDAY 11/19 CSO All Student Meeting MUB 162

THURSDAY 11/20 Food Pantry 4-6pm

FRIDAY 11/21 CSO Board Meeting 5:30-6:30pm

Adoration, 7pm STM Church

DID YOU KNOW?

Oratory (Lat. *oratorium*, from *orare*, to pray), as a general term, signifies a place of prayer, but technically it means a structure other than a parish church, set aside by ecclesiastical authority for prayer and the celebration of Mass.

UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Sunday, November 23rd 5pm
 Sunday, November 30th Thanksgiving Break
 Sunday, December 7th 5pm
GOOD LUCK WITH FINALS!!!!

A Homecooked meal to follow Student Masses!

PIE PICK-UP DATES:

Monday, November 24th, 11:00am-6:00pm
Tuesday, November 25th 11:00am-6:00pm



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November 22-Saint Cecilia (d. 230) Virgin Martyr. Lived chastely with her husband. Beheaded by Romans. Patron saint of music and poetry.

November 23-Miguel Pro (d. 1927). Mexican Jesuit. Falsely accused of revolution. Executed by anti-clerical government. His last words: "Vivo Cristo Rey." ("Long Live Christ the King").



UNH Catholic Student Organization News for Fall 2025 Students

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

Derick Alexandre—unhstm@gmail.com or
Sarah Hunton, CSO President
Sarah.hunton@unh.edu

Hope to see you at the next meeting
November 19th at 7:00pm at the MUB 162

Sunday Mass with Supper to Follow
November 23rd at 5pm

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