

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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January 25, 2026-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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SUNDAY LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am; 11:15 am & 5pm Mass (resumes January 25th)

WEEKDAY MASS

12:10pm Mass on Mon, Tue & Wed

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 9-3pm & Wed: 9-1pm &

Closed Friday

Food Pantry-Thursday 4-6pm



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Will be offered this 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.

January 25, 2026
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.*



***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."*

*Blessings on you,
Fr. Andrew*

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MASSES & OFFICE HOURS

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Jan. 24th-25th; Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Isaiah 8:23-9:3
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Jan. 28-Feb. 1st-18th; Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a



January 24th-25th; Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – ✠ Christine Mason
Sunday 9am – ✠ Carolyn Porter (42 Anniversary)
Sunday 11:15am – ✠ Al Barbour

Jan. 28-Feb. 1st-18th; Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – ✠ Francis McGurty
Sunday 9am – ✠ Sylvia Elaine Lang
Sunday 11:15am – ✠ Jose Cuello



Please pray for our STM Faith Formation students preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist over the next several weeks.

May they be filled with the Holy Spirit as they prepare to be Disciples of Christ.



STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Grades K-5th Classes

Faith Formation Grades K-5 Classes – February 1st

Middle School Youth Ministry

Middle School Class – February 1st

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

LIFE– Living In Faith Everyday



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



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL

Celebrating Catholic Schools Week | United in Faith and Community.

Building on Faith



- The new St. Carlo Acutis Chapel coming later this year, will be the heart of our school—a sacred space for 400+ members of our community to gather in prayer, reflection, and celebration, grounding our campus in faith and purpose.
- This project will also include a new main entrance, flex spaces, and a new Campus Ministry Center.

Academics, College, and Partnerships

- 2025 Best of the Seacoast Winner for Best Private School.
- STA students who took the 2025 AP Exams scored above average—either for the state, the nation, or both in six courses.
- In 2024, STA was one of eight NH day schools that qualified for AP School Honor Roll. STA earned 3 awards (1 Gold and 2 Silver), ultimately earning all Silver recognition, the highest honor awarded in NH.
- The Class of 2025 was accepted to 112 colleges and universities, ultimately representing 51 colleges (including 8 different Catholic Schools) across 21 states and 3 countries.
- Enrollment Agreement with Great Bay Community College that allows STA students to take 2 FREE college courses per year. A great way to get ahead academically and explore new interests.



Athletics and Extracurriculars

- 17 championships since fall 2023 (10 in 2025).
- In 10 years, 122 students have gone on to play sports in college.
- 80% of STA students play at least one sport, with most playing two.
- 90% of students are involved in extracurriculars.



Winterterm

- Winterterm is a week long experiential learning program that provides a departure from the traditional curriculum. Students select from over 30 experiences, both in and out of the classroom, as well as internationally, providing enriching and educational experiences.



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

Thank you to all members of our community who donated food items and gift cards over the holiday season and into this new year. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

A gentle reminder, however, when donating food items please check the dates; **we cannot accept food past their use by date and food packages that have been opened.**

Still looking for someone who can pick up from Hannaford on Grapevine Drive in Dover on Wednesday morning – once a month. Contact me at rasamom3@comcast.net if interested for the details. This week, at the pantry, we need the following items:

- Toothpaste
- Seasoning packets like taco, chili, ranch dressing



200 CLUB

The next drawing of the 200 Club is almost here.

You could be a winner on Sunday, January 25th.

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

New/renewal application forms are available at the church entrances. Subscription options are for 3, 6 or 12 months, at a cost of \$50, \$100 or \$200 respectively. Simply write a check made payable to **St. Thomas More Church**. **Don't forget to 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

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



MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGN



The campaign for our Matching Gifts this year will go towards the Rectory & Parish needs. Let's reach our goal of **\$20,000.00**.

We have raised **\$4,675.00**

Please help us reach our goal.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Feel free to contact the office (603-868-2666) for more info



January 26-February 1st



Monday 1/26 OCIA 8pm-Student Center

**Tuesday 1/27– Men's Group 7pm
Women's Group 7pm**

Wednesday 1/28 CSO Meeting 7pm MUB 162

Thursday 1/29 Food Pantry 2:00-6:30p (STM)

**Friday 1/30 CSO Board Meeting 3:30pm
Adoration 7pm, STM**

Sunday 2/1 Student Mass/Supper 5pm

DID YOU KNOW?

"In Catholic tradition, the Holy Door represents the passage to salvation — the path to a new and eternal life, which was opened to humanity by Jesus," explained Pope Francis in *Spes Non Confundit* (Hope Does Not Disappoint), the papal bull officially proclaiming the Holy Year of 2025.

UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Sunday, January 25th	5pm
Sunday, February 1st	5pm
Sunday, February 8th	No Student Mass
Sunday, February 15th	5pm
Sunday, February 22nd	5pm

STUDENT SUPPER TO FOLLOW ALL STUDENT MASSES!

SAVE THE DATE:

**OVERNIGHT RETREAT
AT MAGDALENE CENTER WITH
FR. VON DEROSIA AND
MONET SOUZA: MARCH 27-28.**



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January 28th-Thomas Aquinas (d. 1274)
-Dominican Friar. Landmark theologian. Explained many difficult truths of the faith

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January 31-St. John Bosco (d. 1888) -
Inspired educator of boys. Teacher of Dominic Savio. Reformed Catholic schools. Wrote many biographies and



UNH Catholic Student Organization News for Spring 2025 Students

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

**Derick Alexandre—unhstm@gmail.com or
Sarah Hunton—sarah.hunton@unh.edu**

Stay tuned for more exciting events happening this semester.

Hope to see you at the next meeting

January 28th at 7:00pm at the MUB 334

Sunday Mass with Supper to Follow

February 1st at 5pm

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!’ As he was walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea, they were fishermen. He said to them, ‘Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.’... ‘For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel.’”

Jesus initiated His public ministry calling all to repentance and recognize the presence of the kingdom. He sought others, the brothers, to walk and work with Him, and then another pair of fishermen brothers. He desired to build His kingdom. We know how they responded.

He continues to walk among us, and the need to preach repentance and the presence of the kingdom is just as real. What if those four did not respond? How do I respond? How do I respond today?

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS

“Follow ^{and} Me
I will make you
fishers of men.”
Matthew 4:19



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