

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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February 1, 2026-Fourth 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



Blessed are you

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.

February 1, 2026
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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.*



Candlemas ~ Light in Winter

The feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the temple contains a blessing of candles and for that reason is sometimes called **Candlemas**.

*When evening comes,
There will be light.
Zechariah 14:7*

Candlemas is the fortieth day after Christmas, and this

feast carries on the same ideas as the feast of Christmas. Light and joy are the dominant themes. Jesus, as God's anointed, is the light of the world. When they recognized him in the temple, Simeon and Anna proclaimed him with joy.

Eternal life is what our religion is about. To achieve it we require the light of the Risen Christ to guide our footsteps. Christ is the light that dispels darkness in a way that no human light, be it political, social or economic, can.

As He is the Light, so we are to shine as lights in our generation, illuminating the darkness of the world.

Fr. Andrew

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MASSES & OFFICE HOURS

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Jan. 28-Feb. 1st; 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

February 7th-8th; Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Isaiah 58:7-10

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16



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

Saturday 5pm – † Francis McGurty

Sunday 9am – † Sylvia Elaine Lang

Sunday 11:15am – † Jose Cuello

February 7th-8th; Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – † Rita & Clinton Shepperd

Sunday 9am – † Jud Porter (2nd Anniversary)

Sunday 11:15am – † Jeanne Haley



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



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

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 in the details.

This week, at the pantry, we can use the following items:

- Mouthwash
- Ketchup
- Brown sugar



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meets on **Tuesday, February 3, 2026**
at 11:30 in the student center library
All interested in knitting & crocheting are welcome!



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 currently raised **\$5,035.00**

Please help us reach our goal.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



200 CLUB

The Winners for our January Drawing are:

Mary Rogers
Mary Ellen Reisch
Inge Judge

*You could be a winner on **Sunday, February 22nd.***

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!!



IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR!

Call Ann McGurty (603-868-2666) or email (stmdurham@stmdurham.org) the parish office if you would like a **tax letter for your 2025 contributions to STM**. Please let me

know if you want it mailed, emailed, or if you are going to pick it up in person. It may take a few weeks to process, but I will try to get them out in a timely manner.

Thank you for your cooperation!



From Ash Wednesday, Feb.18 thru Palm Sunday, March 29 you're invited to join the 40 Days for Life spring/Lenten campaign- 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.

Prayerfully consider praying for 1 hour a week during the 40-day vigil on the sidewalk in front of the Loring Health Center located at 559 Portsmouth Ave in Greenland, NH. Your presence can help change hearts and minds!

For more information and if you'd like to sign up for prayer hours, please contact Carol at 207-985-3166 or Debbie at deb40days@yahoo.com or you can scan the QR Code to visit our website.



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



February 2nd-8th



Monday 2/2 OCIA 7pm-Student Center
 Tuesday 2/3 – Men's Group 7pm
 Women's Group 7pm
 Wednesday 2/4 CSO Meeting 7pm MUB 334
 Thursday 2/5 Food Pantry 2:00-6:30p (STM)
 Friday 2/6 CSO Board Meeting 3:30pm
 Adoration 7pm, STM
 Sunday 2/8 NO Student Mass/Supper

DID YOU KNOW?

The Eastern Orthodox Church has all the seven sacraments, a valid priesthood, and the Sacrifice of the Mass. Their bishops also have apostolic succession like the **Catholic bishops**.

UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Sunday, February 8th	No Student Mass (Super Bowl)
Sunday, February 15th	5pm
Sunday, February 22nd	5pm
Sunday, March 1st	5pm
Sunday, March 8th	5pm

STUDENT SUPPER TO FOLLOW ALL STUDENT MASSES!

February 2nd is Candlemas, also known as the **Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ**, the **Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, or the **Feast of the Holy Encounter**, is a Christian feast day commemorating the presentation of Jesus at the Temple by Joseph and Mary.



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February 8—St. Josephine Bakhita (d. 1947) - Began her life in cruel slavery in Sudan. Sold to Italy but then fought to obtain civic freedom through the courts. Entered religious

life and dedicated her vocation to humble service.

February 10-St. Scholastica (d. 542). Sister of St. Benedict. Religious sister and abbess.



UNH Catholic Student Organization News for Spring 2026 Students

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

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

Stay tuned for more exciting events happening this semester.

Hope to see you at the next meeting

February 4th at 7:00pm at the MUB 334

Sunday Mass with Supper to Follow

February 15th

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth, who have observed his law, seek justice and humility, perhaps you may be sheltered on the day of the Lord’s anger. For I will leave as a remnant in your midst a people humble and lowly who shall take refuge in the name of the Lord... Blessed are they...”

How frequently do we hear the word ‘seek’ in the scriptures. ‘Seek first the kingdom of God’.. ‘seek and you will find’... Our Christian lives are calls, summons to action, not moments to sit back and do nothing. For this reason the beatitudes of Matthew today describe what action is required of us - to be poor in spirit or dependent upon God, humble, pursuing justice and holiness, be merciful, prayerful and peacemakers. Now is the time to get up and get going.

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS

A handwritten-style graphic with the words "peace", "love", and "jesus" stacked vertically. "peace" is in purple, "love" is in pink, and "jesus" is in orange. A small blue ampersand "&" is positioned between "love" and "jesus". The letters are fluid and connected, with some ink bleed-through visible.

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