

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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March 15, 2026-Fourth Sunday of Lent



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SUNDAY LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am; 11:15 am & **No 5pm Mass (Spring Break)**

WEEKDAY MASS

12:10pm Mass Mon, Tue, and Wed

OFFICE HOURS

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

Food Pantry-Thursday 4-6pm



Stations of the Cross on Friday at 7pm



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.

March 15 2026
Fourth Sunday of Lent

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.*

Saint Patrick

The celebration of the patron of a particular area is an opportunity to consider that history has an important place in bringing forth the Kingdom of God. In the Hebrew Scriptures, God acted through the events of history. Since the birth of the Church, the spreading of the Kingdom of God depends on the disciples being willing to act in history. The gospel will not be proclaimed unless there is someone to proclaim it.



The missionary character of our Church means that faith is not intended merely to be kept but to be handed on. This is what Saint Patrick did so well. Each generation has its role to play in the handing on of the faith. And this is what Saint Patrick and all the men and women who have gone before us bequeathed to us.

Let us pray (that, like Saint Patrick, we may be loyal to our faith in Christ):

*Father in Heaven,
you sent the great bishop, Patrick,
to the people of Ireland to share
his faith and to spend his
life in loving service.
May our lives bear witness
to the faith we profess,
and our love bring others
to the peace and joy of your gospel.*

HAPPY FEAST DAY!

Fr. Andrew



Lord, we are broken vessels...
Let your light shine through our brokenness
to bring hope and healing; mercy and peace

This broken pottery vessel, displayed in the church, was created by Liz Finnegan, a beloved, deceased parishioner. It reminds us of our brokenness and calls us to healing and wholeness this Lent.

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March 14th-15th; Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

Reading I: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Reading II: Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel: John 9:1-41

March 21st-22nd; Fifth Sunday of Lent

Reading I: Ezekiel 37:12-14
Reading II: Romans 8:8-11
Gospel: John 11:1-45



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Saturday 5pm –† Elaine McGurty
Sunday 9am – Charlie Fleming
Sunday 11:15am –† Jose Cuello

March 21st-22nd; Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday 5pm –† Jeff Waterhouse
Sunday 9am –† Jud Porter
Sunday 11:15am –† Carol Kovacs



STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Faith Formation Classes - March 15th

Grades K-5th Classes

Faith Formation Grades K-5 Classes – March 15th

Middle School Youth Ministry

Middle School Class – March 22nd (Mary Way of the Cross)

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

LIFE– Living In Faith Everyday

OFFERTORY UPDATE:



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

Offertory for March 8th **\$5176.21**

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



ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASS & DINNER



Mass will be on
Tuesday, March 17th at 5pm.
There will be a meal after Mass in the gym.



LAST WEEK FOR THE MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGN

The campaign for our Matching Gifts this year will go toward the Rectory & Parish needs.

Let's reach our goal of **\$20,000.00.**

We have currently raised **\$19,190**

Please help us reach our goal.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

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



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

In the month of February, we served 313 patrons from nine towns. We need additional volunteers for our Thursday session, March 19 as our UNH student volunteers will be on Spring Break. Contact me at rasamom3@comcast.net if interested in sharing your time and talents.

This spring we will again be offering our patrons Easter **Food Baskets on Saturday, March 28.** A ham dinner is on the menu. Donations of canned pineapple, fruit cocktail, Easter candy, cake mixes and frosting are needed currently. Gift cards to local grocery stores are also welcome. **Please leave your donations by March 22.**

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

- Dish liquid
- Salt



We hope you will join us for Mary's Way of the Cross (by Richard G. Furey, C.Ss.R)

Sunday, March 22nd in the gym at 10am (after the 9:00am Mass).

As we journey through Lent and approach Palm Sunday and Holy Week, let us walk with Jesus as he prepared for the ultimate sacrifice.

Presentation narrated by our Faith Formation Catechists & Parishioners. All are welcome to join us.

200 CLUB



March winds are blowing strong! If you're a 200 Club member, those winds could blow some winnings your way on **Sunday, March 29th.**

You could be a winner on **Sunday, March 29th.**

There's plenty of time to become a new member or renew your membership before the **March 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**

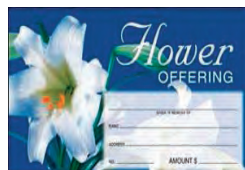
A special note of thanks to all those who have supported and continue to support the club. You have made a difference!!



A special Thank You to Ric Erickson for the donation of our new Paschal Candle in memory of Marci Erickson.

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

Honor or remember loved ones with a donation for Palms/Easter Flowers. Envelopes are available on the church window sills and all entrances. Memorial/Deceased names will be posted in bulletin.



Please sign-up if you plan to attend



**ST. PATRICK'S DAY
DINNER**



Tuesday, March 17, 2026

**Mass at 5pm, dinner follows
6:00 pm in the Parish Center**

**Corned beef, Potatoes, Cabbage, and
Lemonade/Water will be provided.**



**Next weekend (March 7-8), please
sign-up to bring a side dish, dessert or
help clean-up.**



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Gospel Today Fourth Sunday of Lent / John 9:1-41

In today's gospel, Jesus and His disciples came upon a man who had been blind since birth. As Jesus smeared clay into the man's eyes, He **lent** His healing powers to the blind man, and sent him to the Pool of Siloam to wash. When the man returned, his eyes were able to see, but more importantly his heart was open to believe in Jesus. Not as a sinner, as many believed, but truly the Son of God.

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Lent

The season of being sorry for sin, asking forgiveness and helping others.

lend / lent

The act of giving assistance or support to helping others.

WEEK
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Dear God,
This week I...



Love,

Examples

- Help look for and find a lost item.
- Find the reading glasses a senior might have misplaced.
- If traveling, read the directions for an adult driver.
- Donate used eyeglasses.

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Jesus told His disciples the man was born blind so the works of God could be made visible (seen) through him. Jesus also knew being blind was not easy, and the man had to depend on others at times.

Help someone understand and "see" the love of God by **lending** your services to help others. Write your lend/lent action on the cross. Color in the cross.

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