

# Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

*A Community of Parish and University Ministry*

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*April 19, 2026-Third Sunday of Easter*



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## SUNDAY LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am; 11:15 am & 5pm Mass

## 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**



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

*April 19, 2026*  
*Third Sunday of Easter*

**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.*



**God's Grandeur**

*The world is charged with the grandeur of God.  
It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;  
It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil  
Crushed. Why do men then now not reckon his rod?  
Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;  
And all are seared with trade; bleared, smeared  
with toil;  
And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell:  
the soil  
Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.  
And for all this, nature is never spent;  
There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;  
And though the last lights off the black West went  
Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs—  
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent  
World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright  
wings.*

The Jesuit poet, Father Gerard Manley Hopkins wrote this poem in North Wales in Lent of 1877. He offered a beautiful vision of a world transfigured by the Glory of God streaming through the landscape of Creation.

Reflecting on Hopkins wonderful poem in the Easter Season we allow our hearts to marvel at the Resurrection and the Glory of God's love.

Easter Season Blessings  
Fr. Andrew

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**MASSES & OFFICE HOURS**

**WEEKEND MASSES**

**Saturday 5pm  
Sunday 9am, 11:15am & 5pm**

**WEEKDAY MASS**

**12:10pm MASS ON MON, TUES & WED**

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Food Pantry-Thursdays 4-6pm**



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**April 18th-19th ; Third Sunday of Easter**

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33  
Reading II: 1 Peter 1:17-21  
Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

**April 25th-26th; Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36-41  
Reading II: 1 Peter 2:20b-25  
Gospel: John 10:1-10



**April 18th-19th ; Third Sunday of Easter**

Saturday 5pm –☩ Clifford Morton  
Sunday 9am –☩ Connie Attisano  
Sunday 11:15am –☩ Pablo & Mary Luz Rasilla

**April 25th-26th; Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Saturday 5pm –☩ Anna Hayden  
Sunday 9am –☩ Shirley Lafler (1st Anniversary)  
Sunday 11:15am –☩ Christopher McDowell (1st Anniversary)



### OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for April 5th **\$10,337.00**  
Offertory for April 12th **\$4,186.25**

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



### ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Bishop Libasci invites couples celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, etc. years of marriage in 2026 to a Mass in celebration of wedding anniversaries. The Mass will be held on **Sunday, June 7, at 2:00 p.m. at Saint Joseph Cathedral, Manchester.** To register, please contact your parish office by **May 15th.** The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all couples will receive a mailed invitation to this special celebration. To those celebrating significant anniversary years, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at the Cathedral this summer!



### 200 CLUB

*If you are a 200 Club member, you could be showered with winnings at our next drawing on **April 26th***

Both enrollment and renewal are easy. The next drawing is on **Sunday, April 26th,** so there's plenty of time to become a new member or renew your membership.

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:

#### 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!*



### St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

The Pantry will be replacing our upright freezer. If you or if you know of someone that could utilize a used freezer, let me know at the email listed in the next paragraph.

We are seeking volunteers to assist with unloading food donations from the NH Food Bank on Wednesday in the early afternoon (typically around 1:00pm). Please let me know if this sounds like it can fit into your schedule and I can provide the details. Contact me at **rasamom3@comcast.net.**

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

- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Mayonnaise



### MEMORIALS FOR DECEASED LOVED ONES

Abraham Paniagua      Catalina Chaves      Milena Fonseca



### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

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



### 2026 New Hampshire Catholic Appeal



#### New Hampshire Catholic Appeal:

Next week begins the annual New Hampshire Catholic Appeal (NHCA): **Future of Our Faith II, Jesus, I trust in You.** The NHCA is the Church in New Hampshire's annual campaign to support essential ministries and programs of our faith. Last year, our parish along with the other 87 parishes raised more than \$4.4M. The appeal was very successful thanks to all who donated and prayed for the appeal. This year, the appeal will take place over the next two weekends at Mass. The NHCA supports the Community Services program at Catholic Charities NH, the care for our retired and elderly priests, seminarian education and vocations, Catholic education, faith formation, evangelization through **Parable magazine,** and more! Every registered parishioner will receive a letter from Bishop Libasci along with appeal materials in the mail soon. Please keep the Church in New Hampshire in your prayers that we may join together as one body in Christ to support these ministries that serve, comfort, and bring hope to those who need it most. For more information, go to **www.catholicnh.org/nhca** Our **STM Food Pantry** and **Campus Ministry** benefit from the NHCA contributions.



Christ calls each of us to reach out to victims of abuse in their time of need. Sometimes it is difficult to know how to help, but one effective way of expressing care and concern is through prayer. Please commit to praying on a regular basis for victims of abuse, particularly those abused by clergy or others representing the Catholic Church.

#### Prayer of Healing for Victims of Abuse

*God of endless love,  
ever caring, ever strong,  
always present, always just:  
You gave your only Son  
to save us by the blood of his cross.  
Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,  
join to your own suffering  
the pain of all who have been hurt  
in body, mind, and spirit  
by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.  
Hear our cries as we agonize  
over the harm done to our brothers and sisters.  
Breathe wisdom into our prayers,  
soothe restless hearts with hope,  
steady shaken spirits with faith:  
Show us the way to justice and wholeness,  
enlightened by truth and enfolded in your mercy.  
Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,  
heal your people's wounds  
and transform our brokenness.  
Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and grace,  
so that we may act with justice  
and find peace in you.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

If you have experienced abuse by someone representing the Catholic Church, you are encouraged to contact the diocesan Coordinator of Healing and Pastoral Care at 603-669-3100.



# JESUS, *I trust in You!*

## Reflecting the love of God through the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal

Generosity is a central theme in the Bible, reflecting the love of God. Saint Leo the Great writes “If God is love, charity should know no limit, for God cannot be confined.” In the spirit of mercy and love, please consider giving a gift to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal which supports those in need and provides for the ministries that assist in growing our faith in our state.

## Thanks to your generosity, the NHCA supports the following ministries:

- Community Services program at Catholic Charities NH which provides compassionate guidance and support to New Hampshire residents facing dire situations or hardships
- Seminarian education and formation and support of the permanent diaconate
- Care for our retired priests
- Catholic education
- Vibrant parishes
- Evangelization and catechesis in the home with *Parable Magazine*
- Faith Formation through campus ministry and Totus Tuus
- Multicultural Ministry
- Catholic cemeteries

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**We love because  
he first loved us.**

**1 John 4:19**

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To donate or learn more about the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal, visit our website at: [www.catholicnh.org/nhca](http://www.catholicnh.org/nhca) or scan the QR code



**2026**

**New Hampshire  
Catholic Appeal**

*Future of our Faith II*





# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## April 20th-April 26th

Tuesday, April 21 Women's Group. 6pm. Gables.  
Men's Group. 6pm. Lighthouse.

Wednesday, April 22 CSO Meeting. 7pm. MUB 334.

Thursday, April 23rd Food Pantry, 2:00-6:00pm

Friday, April 24th CSO Leadership Meeting, 3:30pm  
Adoration, 7pm, STM

Saturday, April 25th Semi-Formal Dance, 7pm  
Student Center

### UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Sunday, April 26th 5pm  
Sunday, May 3rd 5pm

**GOOD LUCK WITH FINALS!!!!**  
**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!!!**

On March 27-28, UNH and Plymouth State held an overnight retreat at the Magdalene Center in Warner, NH. A truly blessed event! We had 30 students in attendance.

### DID YOU KNOW?

The Catholic University of America is the only school established with a papal charter in the United States of America. This charter allows them the authority to grant ecclesiastical degrees and is the only school able to do so.



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April 25— Mark (d. 68) Author of the Second Gospel. Companion to Saints Peter and Paul. First bishop of Alexandria. Symbol is the winged lion.

April 27—Louis de Montfort (d. 1716) Priest with an ardent devotion to Mary. Coined the phrase "Totus tuus". Wrote *True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin*. A favorite of JP II.



### UNH Catholic Student Organization News for Spring 2026 Students

If you would like additional information, please contact our **Campus Minister**, Derick Alexandre—[unhstm@stmdurham.org](mailto:unhstm@stmdurham.org) or C SO President, Sarah Hunton—[sarah.hunton@unh.edu](mailto:sarah.hunton@unh.edu)  
*Stay tuned for more exciting events happening this semester.*

*Hope to see you at the next meeting April 22nd at 7:00pm at the MUB 334*

*Sunday Mass— April 21st—5pm  
April 14h at 5pm*

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