

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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May 3, 2026-Fifth Sunday of Easter



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SUNDAY LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am; 11:15 am & 5pm Mass (last UNH Mass May 3)

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

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.

May 3, 2026
Fifth 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.*



Remember Mary

Mary is at the heart of everything that unites human instincts with religion - birth, maternity, simplicity and the deepest of natural affections between two persons. An inscription in Greek on a papyrus fragment (ca. 4th century) is believed to be the earliest known prayer to Mary:

“We flee to your protection, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs do not disdain our prayer, but save us at all times from all dangers.”

The language of this ancient prayer is much like the popular Medieval prayer known as the **Memorare**:

“Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I turn to you, O virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you do I come, before you I kneel, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions but in your clemency, hear and answer me.”

The author of the **Memorare** is believed to be Saint Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153). The prayer is a vivid testimony to one man’s closeness to the Mother of Jesus. May our recitation of this tender prayer transform the lives of those who offer it.

Fr. Andrew

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MASSES & OFFICE HOURS

WEEKEND MASSES

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May 2nd –3rd; Fifth Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7
Reading II: 1 Peter 2:4-9
Gospel: Luke 14:1-12

May 9th-10th; Sixth Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8,14-17
Reading II: 1 Peter 3:15-18
Gospel: John 14:15-21




May 2nd-3rd; Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday 5pm –† Rev. Robert Lakas, S.J.
Sunday 9am –† Noel Austin (1st Anniversary)
Sunday 11:15am –† Carol Manning

May 9th-10th; Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday 5pm –† Rick Fleming (2nd Anniversary)
Sunday 9am –† Bill MacBride
Sunday 11:15am –† Sandra Ceponis





NH Catholic Appeal
St. Thomas More's Diocesan goal this year is \$34,448.00

Help us reach our goal!
 Thank you to all who have contributed in the past. Feel free to take an envelope, complete it and **mail it directly to 2026 NH Catholic Appeal**; drop it in the basket at the entrances of the Church or place it in the collection basket or go online at www.catholicnh.org/nhca


Our Parish number code is 41830.

Our **STM Campus Ministry** benefit from the NHCA contributions.

Thank you for your continual support.

OFFERTORY UPDATE:
 Average Weekly Regular Offertory Amount needed to meet our Annual Budget, **\$5,192.31**
Offertory for April 26th - \$4,496.56
Give and it shall be given to you." - Luke 6:38



200 Club April Winners
April's 200 Club drawing showered prizes on...

Steven Castro
Barbara Porter
John & Joanne Connolly

Congratulations to All


The next drawing is on May 25th, so there's plenty of time to become a new member or renew your membership. Both enrollment and renewal are easy. There's plenty of time to become a new member or renew your membership. Subscription options are for 3, 6 or 12 months, at a cost of \$50, \$100 or \$200 respectively. New/renewal enrollment forms are available at the church entrances. Or 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

You have made a difference!!



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!



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

April showers bring May flowers and the end of the UNH semester which means a number of our volunteers will be leaving. Please think about what amount of time you might be able to give to help fill this gap in the coming months. Your time is especially needed on Thursday afternoons.

On Saturday, May 9 the Food Pantry will be a recipient of donations from the Postal Food Drive starting around noon and through the afternoon; if you can give any help, it would be most appreciated.

Please let me know if either opportunity interests you; I can provide the details. Contact me at rasamom3@comcast.net. This week, at the pantry, we need the following items:

- Cotton balls
- Brown sugar
- Mayonnaise

Called to *Serve*
 Lectors

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD AS A LECTOR AT MASS?

Please contact the Parish office at 603-868-2666 or contact Roberta MacBride at stmpastoralmin@stmdurham.org (Training will be provided)



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING A MINISTER OF HOSPITALITY TO WELCOME PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS TO OUR COMMUNITY?

We are in need of Ushers & Greeters, for all Masses, especially on Sundays at 9am & 11:15am. If interested, please contact Ann McGurty at the office at 603-868-2666. *Training will be provided.*



Prayer Shawl Ministry


Meets on **Tuesday, May 5, 2026**
 at 11:30 in the student center library
All interested in knitting & crocheting are welcome!



SAVE THE DATE
We need your help!
Saturday, May 9th from 9:00am-3pm
We are having our annual Spring Clean-Up (inside and outside) the Church.

Sign-ups are available at the main entrance of the Church this weekend (May 2nd-3rd)

Please come out and join in the fun!



Seacoast Birthright in Dover will offer flower accessories after Masses, as a thank you for your donation of any amount on Mother's Day, May 10th. Your donation and support is greatly appreciated to help keep Birthright's free, confidential services available to women facing unexpected pregnancies. **Seacoast Birthright** offers diapers, wipes, community resources, friendship and a loving alternative to abortion. Thank you so much for your support.

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Gospel Today
Fifth Sunday of Easter | John 14:1-12

At the Last Supper, Jesus tells us there is room for us in His Father's house (Heaven) and the way there is through Jesus.

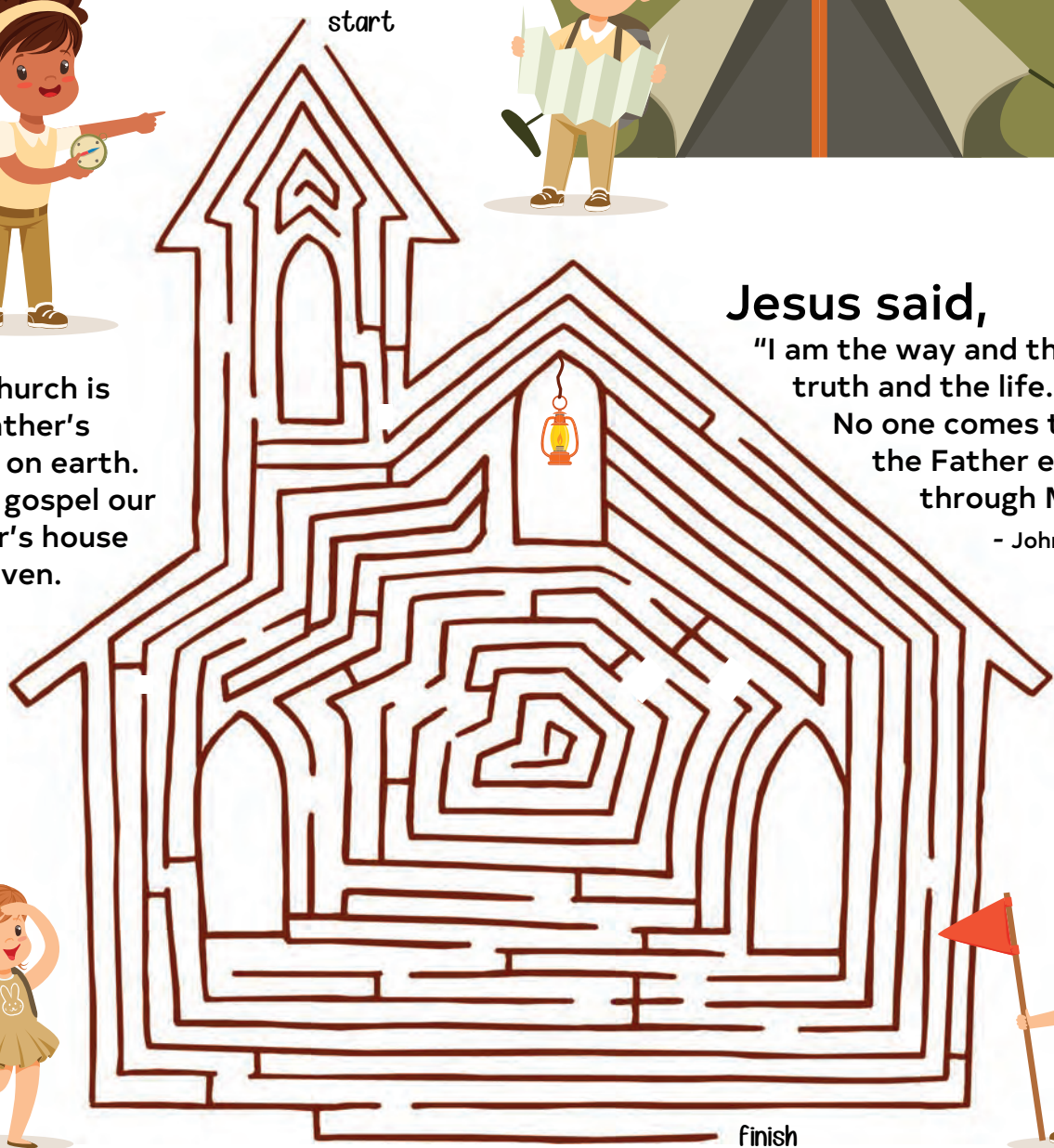
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The church helps us find our way to heaven.



The Church is our Father's house on earth. In the gospel our Father's house is Heaven.

Jesus said,
"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."
- John 14:6



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