

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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July 19, 2026-Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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SUNDAY LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am; 11:15 am

WEEKDAY MASS

12:10 Masses Mon, Tue, and Wed

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 9-1pm & **Closed: Wed & Fri**

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.

July 19, 2026
Sixteenth 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.



'We apprehend Him in the alternate voids and fullness of a cathedral; in the space that separates the salient features of a picture; in the living geometry of a flower, a seashell, an animal; in the pauses and intervals between the notes of music, in their difference of tones and sonority; and finally, on the plane of conduct, in the love and gentleness, the confidence of humility, which give beauty to the relationships between human beings'

Aldous Huxley

*I frequently ponder Gabriel Marcel's sage observation that "**Life is not a problem to be solved, but a mystery to be lived.**" Here are a few other favorite **thought balloons** for your consideration:*

Nature is the art of God.

- Dante Alighieri

Everyone is kneaded out of the same dough but not baked in the same oven.

- Yiddish Proverb

Listening is a magnetic and strange thing, a creative force. The friends who listen to us are the ones we move toward. When we are listened to, it creates us, makes us unfold and expand.

- Karl Menninger

If we really want to pray, we must first learn to listen, for in the silence of the heart, God speaks.

- T. S. Eliot

Appreciation is a wonderful thing: It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well.

- Voltaire

Prayers to all for a thoughtful week.

*L'Shalom - in peace,
Fr. Andrew*

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Reading I: Wisdom 12:13,16-19

Reading II: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

July 25th-26th; Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Reading II: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52



July 18th-19th; Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – ☩ Russell Smick

Sunday 9am – ☩ Sandy Ceponis

Sunday 11:15am – ☩ Jeffrey Sturmer

July 25th-26th; Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – ☩ Gervis (Gerry) Coxen

Sunday 9am – ☩ Bill MacBride

Sunday 11:15am – ☩ Matteo Gallo

JESUS,
I trust in You!

2026
New Hampshire
Catholic Appeal
Ends on July 9

NH Catholic Appeal

St. Thomas More goal is \$34,487.97
As of **July 12th** we have raised **\$24,329.44**

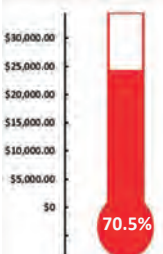
Help us reach our goal!
Thank you to all who have contributed.

Feel free to take an envelope, complete it and mail it directly to
NH Catholic Appeal, place it in the collection basket or go online
at www.catholicnh.org/nhca

Our Parish Number code is 41830.

Our STM Campus Ministry
benefits from the NHCA
contributions.

*Thank you for your continual
support.*



Hospitality Ministry Ushers & Greeters

**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 EXT #3 or
stmdurham@stmdurham.org.

Training will be provided.

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 EXT#4 or contact
Roberta MacBride at stmpastoralmin@stmdurham.org
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Collection Counters Needed

We are looking for
individuals who can assist with
counting the Parish weekend
collections. You would be part of
a team, which rotates once or
twice a month. Counting is done on Monday mornings
(Tuesday mornings, if Monday is a holiday).

Please contact **Ann McGurty** for more information
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Grateful Giving

OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for July 12th **\$3,766.00**

Give and it shall be given to you." - Luke 6:38

Thank you for your generous contributions.

200 CLUB

*July is full of fireworks!
You could be a winner!*

There's plenty of time to
become a new member or renew
your membership before the **July 26th 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!*

Food Pantry Needs

**St. Thomas More Food Pantry
Update**

We continue to partner with Dollar
General in Lee to rescue their donations.
We need volunteers to pick up the items, bring them
back to the church, weigh, sort and put them away.
The time is 11:00am on Mondays and Thursdays and
you can be done in one hour. We are still in need of
two volunteers on Mondays and three volunteers on
Thursday so your commitment will be just once a
month. Contact **Regina at rasamom3@comcast.net**
if you can help with this opportunity.

This week, at the pantry, we need:

- 10x Sugar
- Mayonnaise
- Band aids

Prayer REQUEST

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION

August 1-2

A message from Sr. Sarah Noonan, this year's MISSION COOPERATIVE GUEST:

"Greetings of peace and love in the Lord Jesus to all the staff and parishioners at St. Thomas More Parish! I am a religious missionary sister in the Oikos Ptochos Tou Theou Community (The Poor Household of God) in the Philippines. Our mission is to help the poor people in the province of Eastern Samar to get themselves out of the devastating cycle of poverty through our ministries, programs and the blessings and prayers we receive through the grace of God from people just like you! I am greatly looking forward to sharing our life and mission with all of you! I will be speaking at St. Thomas More Parish during all the Masses on the weekend of August 1 & 2. You can find out more about our mission by going to <http://www.poorhouseholdofgod.org>. I can't wait to meet you!"

We welcome Sr. Sarah to our parish and ask that you be as generous as your circumstances allow in the mission appeal collection on the weekend of August 1 & 2. Thank you!

The first is of our community and the second is myself with some children from our village.



Local Religious Community



Sr. Sarah with some children
from the Village.

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today | 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mt 13:24-43

Jesus tells us the Good Word grows within us, as the yeast grows within the dough – quietly and unseen, with great results!

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JESUS' PARABLES SHOW Small beginnings become marvelous expansions

Draw a line from Column A to Column B to match the "Seeds of Faith" to the "Expanded Kingdom."

Column A

The
Good
Word



Mustard
Seeds



Yeast
Cells



Column B

Risen
Breads



Mustard
Tree



Many
Believers



Parent / Child Activity

Watch a seed sprout - Take a clear cup and line it with a wet paper towel. Put a dried, uncooked seed between the paper and cup. Keep wet and in the sun. **Watch what happens!** (try watermelon seeds dried for one week)

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