

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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July 26, 2026-Seventeenth 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 26, 2026
Seventeenth 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.*



Prayer:
How to Go About
Listening

What you do immediately before prayer is very important. Normally it is something you do not rush into. Spend a few moments quieting yourself and relaxing, settling yourself into a prayerful and comfortable position.

In listening to anyone, you try to tune out everything except what the person is saying to you.

In prayer, this can be done best in *silence* and *solitude*. Select a favorite passage from the Bible, five to ten verses. Try to find a quiet place where you can be alone and uninhibited in your response to God's presence. Try to quiet yourself interiorly.

In an age of noise, activity and tensions, it is not always easy or necessary to forget our cares and commitments, the noise and excitement of our environment. *Never feel constrained to blot out all distractions.* Anxiety in this regard could get between ourselves and God.

Begin reading the Scripture slowly and attentively. Do not hurry to cover the material. Ask God for the grace to listen to what he says.

If the passage recounts an event of Christ's life, be there in the mystery of it. Share with the persons involved, e.g., a blind man being cured. Respond to what Jesus is saying. Some words or phrases carry special meaning for you. *Savor those words, turning them over in your heart.*

Blessings,
Father Andrew

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Reading I: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Reading II: Romans 8:28-30
Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

August 1st-2nd: *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Reading I: Isaiah 55:1-3
Reading II: Romans 8:35, 37-39
Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21



July 25th-26th: *Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Saturday 5pm –✠ Rev. Gary Lord
Sunday 9am –✠ Bill MacBride
Sunday 11:15am –✠ Matteo Gallo

August 1st-2nd: *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Saturday 5pm – ✠ Bill MacBride
Sunday 9am –✠ Umberto & Gondina Tagliani
Sunday 11:15am –✠ Rev. Bruce Collard

JESUS,
I trust in You!

2026
New Hampshire
Catholic Appeal
Exemption 2026

NH Catholic Appeal

St. Thomas More goal is \$34,487.97
As of **July 20th** we have raised **\$24,339.44**

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.



Grateful Giving

OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for July 19th **\$3,846.00**

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!*

The drawing is this weekend,
Sunday, 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!*

Faith...
Pass it on!

Catechists needed

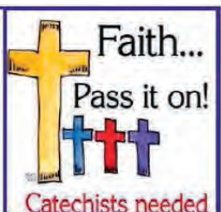
Catechists Needed

*We are looking for
Catechists (teachers) &
assistants for all grades
Kindergarten-5th gr. and
an assistant teacher in
middle school*

*Come share your gifts, talents and your faith
with our students.*

*For more information, please contact Ann McGurty at
603-868-2666 or email at stmdurham@stmdurham.org*

LIFE: Living In Faith Everyday




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

Training will be provided

**Many thanks and blessings to our 9am choir who
will be taking a well deserved break in August-
returning Labor Day Weekend, September 6th.**



**St. Thomas More Food Pantry
Update**

We continue to partner with Dollar General in
Lee, however, the store has just changed their pick up day.
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 Tuesday and you can be done in one hour.
We are in need of four volunteers 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:

- Toothpaste
- Ketchup
- Ice tea mix



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 13:44-52

The parables tell us God's Kingdom is the greatest treasure and the greatest treasure is **Love**! In finding Jesus we find that treasure.

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There are in the end three things that last: Faith, Hope and Love, and the greatest of these is Love. *St. Paul, 1 Corinthians 13:13*

We help build the Kingdom of God by being disciples of Jesus. In this way, we find the greatest treasure - **LOVE**! Write the words from the Word Bank on the heart as a reminder: when we treat others this way, we help build the Kingdom.

Fill in the blank below...

WORD BANK

Be generous
Forgive others
Be kind
Help others
Be loving
Be honest
Share
Be trustworthy



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