

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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August 2, 2026-Eighteenth 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.

August 2, 2026
Eighteenth 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.*



The word Sabbath is from the Hebrew "Shabbat," meaning "to cease, desist." The weekly day of rest and abstention from work enjoined upon the Israelites (Genesis 2:1-3) was appropriated by the Christians, and Sunday became our chief liturgical day.

We need to stop, to pause, to pray. Perhaps begin your next Sabbath by reading Fr. Andrew Costello's Sabbath Prayer, the text of which follows:

GOD of sunrises and sunsets,
God of Mondays to Fridays,
teach me how to slow down and enjoy
Saturdays and Sundays.
Teach me how to Sabbath.
Teach me how to calm down
and actually taste the gift of a day off.
Teach me how to slow down enough to see
all that I'm missing
and to miss all that I'm seeing:
those tiny things, those annoyances,
that keep on wearing me down
day after day after day.
Help me to see people for their gifts,
instead of seeing them for their faults.
Help me to listen to the person I'm with,
instead of saying the same old responses
said in the same old way,
day after day after day.
God of sunrises and sunsets,
teach me how to relax and enjoy
Saturdays and Sundays,
so I'll be a better person
Mondays' to Fridays.

-Andrew Costello

Celebration of Sabbath expresses the belief that our time belongs ultimately to God.

Fr. Andrew

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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

August 8th-9th; Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
Reading II: Romans 9:1-5
Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33



August 1st-2nd; Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

August 8th-9th; Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – ☩ Margaret Christenson
Sunday 9am – ☩ David Holmes
Sunday 11:15am – ☩ Rev. Bruce Collard



NH Catholic Appeal

St. Thomas More goal is **\$34,487.97**
As of **July 27th** we have raised **\$24,359.44**

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.



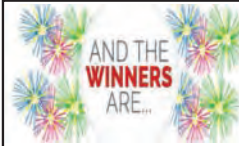
OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for July 26th **\$4,405.50**

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

Thank you for your generous contributions.



200 Club

Barbara Porter
Michael and Susan Camire
John Falcone



Congratulations to July's winners...

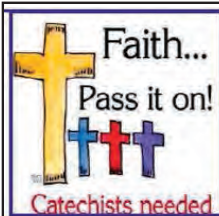
There's plenty of time to become a new member or renew your membership before the **August 30th drawing**.

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!



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 time gifts, talents and your faith with our students. Volunteers are needed for this program to flourish. Please consider being a catechist.

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



STM FAITH FORMATION

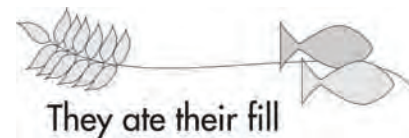
LIFE—Living In Faith Everyday

Registrations are now being accepted for all Faith Formation classes for Kindergarten—8th grade for the 2026-27 school year. Registration forms can be found in the magazine rack at the back of the church. If your child is in need of Sacraments or if you need more information, please call Ann McGurty at 603-868-2666 for further information.

Faith Formation Calendar will be provided in early September.



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; the store recently changed their pick up day to Tuesday. 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 and you can be done in one hour. We need three more 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 -

- Hand cream
- BBQ sauces
- Cinnamon, ginger or nutmeg



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ed Donnelly
Peter Farrington

Barbara 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. Saran with some children
from the Village.

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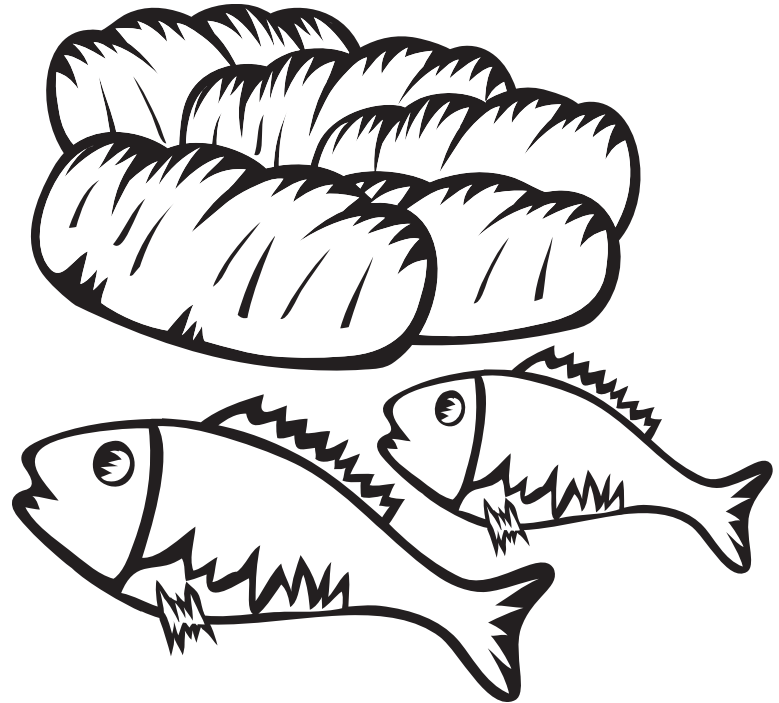
Gospel Today | 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mt 14:13-21

Jesus said of the five loaves and two fish, "Bring them here to me". Looking up to heaven, He gave THANKS, and broke the loaves.

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Feeding over five thousand people with five loaves of bread and two fish was a great miracle Jesus performed. He did it out of love for the many people.

We too can help others by sharing, and giving to the poor. We never need to look far to find someone in need.



Jesus showed us how important it is to give thanks. We thank God every day for all we have. Color and cut this Grace before meals picture, and hang it near your table.

**BLESS US, O LORD, AND
THESE THY GIFTS WHICH
WE ARE ABOUT TO RECEIVE
FROM THY BOUNTY THROUGH
CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN**

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