

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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August 9, 2026-Nineteenth 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 9, 2026
Nineteenth 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.*



Starting a New Year

August 9th, I begin my 21st year as Pastor of St. Thomas More Parish. It is also the Feast of Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), who died in the gas chambers of Auschwitz on August 9, 1942 and was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 1998.

It has been my custom since ordination in 1975, when beginning a new assignment to take as a special patron the particular saint on whose feast day I begin the new assignment. Edith Stein, a world class philosopher who converted from Judaism and became a Carmelite nun and died in the gas chambers of Auschwitz is my patron and I pray to her regularly.

In company of my good friend, Fr. John Rosson, I spent some time in the Netherlands and prayed at the Carmel of Echt. When the German Army invaded the Netherlands, Sr. Teresa and her sister, Rosa, along with 987 Jews were deported to Auschwitz from Echt on August 2nd. Just seven days later she died.

Through the intercession of Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross may the God of Abraham bless my ministry and service to you his Holy People.

*L'Shalom-in Peace
Fr. Andrew*

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MASSES & OFFICE HOURS

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

August 15th-16th: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Isaiah 56:1,6-7
Reading II: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28



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

August 15th-16th: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – ✠ Murphy Rogers
Sunday 9am –✠ Leonard Attisano
Sunday 11:15am –✠ Virginia Wilman



NH Catholic Appeal

St. Thomas More goal is \$34,487.97 As of August 3rd we have raised \$25,609.44

Help us reach our goal!

Thank you to all who have contributed.

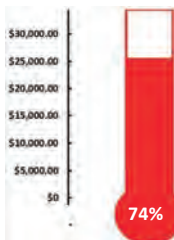
Feel free to take an envelope, complete it and mail it directly to **NH Catholic Appeal**, place it in the collection basket or go online at www.catholicnh.org/nhca



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 August 2nd \$6,167.16

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

Thank you for your generous contributions.



200 CLUB

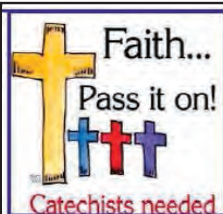
If you are a 200 Club member, you could be a winner at our next drawing on Sunday, August 30th.

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



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.



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

We continue to partner with Dollar General in Lee; the store recently changed their pickup 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:

- Deodorant
- Seltzer water
- Tissues



44th Annual Scout Retreat!

All Scouts (Boys & Girls) in grades 6-12, and adult leaders, are invited to the 44th Annual Scout Retreat Fri. Sept. 18 - Sun. Sept. 20, 2026 at Camp Fatima in Gilmanton Iron Works NH.

The cost is \$25 per scout and \$15 per adult. This Retreat is like a Camporee - it's very active, involving scouts in a number of fun, interesting, challenging, thought provoking and faith filled activities, including a climbing wall, high ropes, capture the flag, and a dance! Put on by Fr. Ray Ball & the Diocesan Catholic Scouting Committee. Info & Registration: www.catholicnh.org/scout <<http://www.catholicnh.org/scout>> or www.facebook.com/nhscoutretreat <<http://www.facebook.com/nhscoutretreat>> or FrRay3@gmail.com <<mailto:FrRay3@gmail.com>> or call (603) 224-4393 x1.



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

Sr. Sarah would like to thank the Parish of St. Thomas More for your welcoming and friendly hospitality. We will leave the baskets out at all the entrances for one more weekend for your donations. Thank you for your prayers and support.

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 welcomed Sr. Sarah to our parish and ask that you be as generous as your circumstances allow in the mission appeal collection which was held on 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.**

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today | 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mt 14:22-33

When Jesus performed miracles, He got people's attention! When He had their attention He preached the Good Word, and built their faith. Jesus tells us to have faith – do not doubt.

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Did you ever see a bug skimming the top of water in a pond, lake or river? They seem to walk or run on top, barely touching! These six-legged insects are sometimes called Jesus bugs or pond skaters. Imagine how Jesus looked to the Apostles as He walked on the water! What would you think if you saw that? Web search the Water Strider and see how this fascinating insect actually walks on water.

Jesus walks
on the water...



"You of little faith –
why do you doubt?"



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