

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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*September 13, 2026; **Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary***



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SUNDAY LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am; 11:15 am & 5pm (UNH Mass)

WEEKDAY MASS

12:10 Masses Mon, Tue, and Wed

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 9-3pm, Wednesday 9-1pm &

Closed: Fri

Food Pantry-Thursday 4-6pm



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Will be offered Friday in the Church 7-8pm

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.

September 13, 2026
Twenty-Fourth 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.*

"Let Evening Come"



Good poems often serve as prayers. Jane Kenyon's "Let Evening Come" is a fall favorite. It reads like a litany. The opening words "Let the light" evoke the book of Genesis where God says "Let there be light."

Let Evening Come

by Jane Kenyon

Let the light of late afternoon
shine through chinks in the barn, moving
up the bales as the sun moves down.

Let the cricket take up chafing
as a woman takes up her needles
and her yarn. Let evening come.

Let dew collect on the hoe abandoned
in long grass. Let the stars appear
and the moon disclose her silver horn.

Let the fox go back to its sandy den.
Let the wind die down. Let the shed
go black inside. Let evening come.

To the bottle in the ditch, to the scoop
in the oats, to air in the lung
let evening come.

Let it come, as it will, and don't
be afraid. God does not leave us
comfortless, so let evening come.

Let us rejoice in unlikely moments and remember
"God does not leave us comfortless."

L'Shalom - in peace,
Fr. Andrew

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Reading I: Sirach 27:30-28:7

Reading II: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

September 19th-20th; Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Isaiah 55:6-9

Reading II: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a



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Saturday 5pm – † Mary Ava Letourneau

Sunday 9am – † June Russell

Sunday 11:15am – † Bob Brown (1st Anniversary)

September 19th-20th; Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – † Patrick McGurty

Sunday 9am – Greg Thayer

Sunday 11:15am – † Mary Ellen Poulin



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** or email at stmdurham@stmdurham.org for further information.

Parent meeting for all Faith Formation grades will be held on **Sunday September 20th at 10am in the Gym.**

Faith Formation Classes Begin Sunday, September 27th at the designated times. The schedule will have the dates and times for each grad and class.

Faith Formation Calendar will be available in early September and distributed at the parent meeting.



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

In the month of August, the Food Pantry served 432 patrons from ten towns!

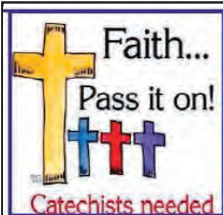
We are still seeking a person to pick up items from Hannaford on Grapevine Drive on Wednesday mornings once a month and three people or teams to pick up items from Hannaford on Central Avenue on Thursday mornings, also once a month; After pickup, you will need to bring the items back to the church, weigh, sort and put them away. Best to have a larger vehicle or I can team you up.

For a local opportunity, we are in need of three people to pick up from Dollar General in Lee on Tuesdays around 11am. This commitment is once a month.

Contact Regina at rasamom3@comcast.net if you can help with any of these opportunities.

This week, at the pantry, we could use:

- Shampoo
- Baking spices such as cinnamon, nutmeg or ground cloves
- Dish liquid



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

Volunteer Ministries

Ushers

Lectors

**Food Pantry
Faith Formation**

Student Suppers

Please call 603-868-2666

COME AND SEE -OCIA (formerly RCIA)

**Monday Sept 21st at 7pm
in the Student Center Library**

If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church, and wonder what the Church teaches; *what the Sacraments, especially Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist really mean; and what it means to practice the Catholic faith.*

Contact **Derick Alexandre** (dalexandre@outlook.com) or call 603-868-2666 or **Roberta MacBride** at 603-868-2666 (stmpastoralmin@stmdurham.org) to begin the conversation.



Adult Faith Formation Series

**Dates for this series changed.
Will be updated soon**

The 5-week series of Pope Leo XIV Encyclical Letter of **Magnificent Humanity** (Magnifica Humanitas):



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Ed Donnelly
Peter Farrington
Greg Thayer**

**Barbara Farrington
Dot Meneghin
Marie Caffrey**

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

**forgive
one another**

from the heart





CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Week of September 14-20

WEEKLY EVENTS:

TUESDAY 9/15 Men's Group 6pm—Kingsbury
Women's Group 6pm — Student Center

WEDNESDAY 9/16 Board Meeting 5:15pm-MUB 2nd floor
CSO All Student Meeting 7pm-MUB 334

THURSDAY 9/17 Food Pantry 2-6pm

FRIDAY 9/18 Adoration, 7pm-STM

SUNDAY 9/20 Rosary, 4:20pm Parish hall, STM
Student Mass 5pm
Student Supper 5:45pm Student Center

DID YOU KNOW?

The magical term "hocus pocus" comes from the most sacred moment in Catholic ritual: the consecration of the bread as the body of Christ by the priest speaking the words "This is my body," which in Latin is *Hoc est enim corpus meum*.

UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Sunday, September 20th 5pm
Sunday, September 27th 5pm
Sunday, October 4th 5pm
Sunday, October 11th NO MASS-HOLIDAY
Sunday, October 18th 5pm

A Homecooked meal to follow Student Masses!

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION....
HAS RETURNED! EVERY FRIDAY AT 7pm
IN THE CHURCH. COME SPEND A HOLY
HOUR WITH JESUS TO REPLENISH
YOUR SPIRIT AFTER A LONG WEEK. ALL
ARE WELCOME!**



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September 18— Joseph of Cupertino (d. 1663)
Capuchin Friar. Many instances of levitation during prayer. Dedicated to fasting and self-discipline. Humble, patient, and obedient.

September 21— Matthew the Apostle (1st c.) Author of the first Gospel. Tax collector for the Romans. Known as a sinner by the Jews, he was an unlikely follower of Jesus. Also called Levi in the NT.



UNH Catholic Student Organization News for Fall 2026 Students

If you would like additional information, please contact our **Campus Minister**:

Derick Alexandre—stmunh@stmdurham.org

or **CSO President**:

Christian Anderson caa1063@usnh.edu

Stay tuned for more exciting events happening this semester.

*Hope to see you at the next meeting
September 16th at 7:00pm at the MUB 334*

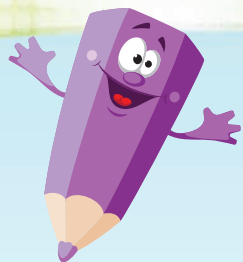
*Sunday Mass with Supper to Follow
September 20th at 5pm*

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Gospel Today

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 18:21-35

Jesus says there should be no limit to the times we forgive, from our hearts, those who treat us unfairly.



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JESUS REMINDS US TO BE FORGIVING

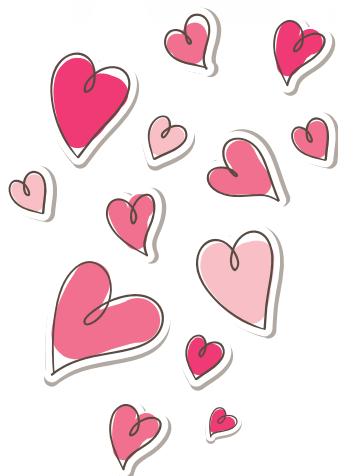
Think of
someone you
need to forgive.

What symbol
would best show
what you are feeling?

Love, peace, hugs &
kisses or prayer; or are
you just proud to be in
America.

Design and color your own
FORGIVENESS FLAG.

With the symbols below, or
your own ideas, design a
larger flag on a separate
piece of paper and
hang it in a
window.



*Forgive from
the heart flag*



American flag



Peace flag



Praying hands flag

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