

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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*September 20, 2026; **Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time***



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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: Friday

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 20, 2026
Twenty-Fifth 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 Autumn Poem

My favorite season is Autumn.

The leaves changing colors and the air is getting cooler. As we travel through the autumn days, reflect in quiet prayer upon the words of the Jesuit poet, Gerard Manely Hopkins in his lively poem:

God's Grandeur

*The world is charged with the grandeur of God.
It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;
It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil
Crushed. Why do men then now not reck his rod?
Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;
And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with
toil; and wears man's smudge and shares man's
smell: the soil is bare now, nor can foot feel, being
shod.*

*And for all this, nature is never spent;
There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;
And though the last lights off the black West went
Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs—
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent
World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright
wings.*



Season's Blessings

Fr. Andrew



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MASSES & OFFICE HOURS

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Reading I: Isaiah 55:6-9
Reading II: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a

September 26th-27th; Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Ezekiel 18:25-28
Reading II: Philippians 2:1-11
Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32



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Saturday 5pm —† Patrick McGurty
Sunday 9am — Greg Thayer
Sunday 11:15am —† Mary Ellen Poulin

September 26th-27th; Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm — † Rev. Bruce Collard
Sunday 9am —† Stena MacBride
Sunday 11:15am—† Joan Kane Henry (1st Anniversary)



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 this **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 grade and class.

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

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.



"Summer is over, fall is here, and before you know it the holidays will be upon us. It is now time to start **planning for the Christmas Craft Fair.** A planning meeting will be **Sunday September 27th at noon**

(12pm), in the Church Hall/Basement.

The Christmas Fair will be held on **Saturday, December 5th.** We are seeking all interested volunteers, both past and present, PLEASE attend if interested. Last year's fair was a huge success and we wouldn't be able to do it without you! If you have any questions, please call **Kara Kane (603) 767-9837.**

There will NOT be a White Elephant table this year!

Collection for Donations begins the week of Thanksgiving. Items can be dropped off during office hours.

Sponsoring a New Bench for the Madonna Shrine

The Parish needs to replace the wooden bench that is on the platform in front of the Madonna Shrine behind the Church and Rectory. The current bench was donated as part of the original renovation project that was an Eagle Scout service project several years ago. We have maintained the wooden bench for several years and it has gotten to the point where it cannot be effectively tightened and oiled any more. Its current condition detracts from the beauty of this space. If you are interested in purchasing and donating a new bench for the Madonna Shrine it would be very much appreciated. We would prefer a decorative outdoor iron or stone bench that is approximately 4 feet long. A plastic or resin bench is not desired. Metal or stone benches of this size typically cost between \$150 to \$250 dollars, depending on the design. Someone from the Parish could help with unloading or assembly of the bench if required. If you are interested in sponsoring this need, please reach out to Ann McGurty in the Parish Office. THANK YOU!



OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for August 30th **\$4,371.00**

Offertory for September 6th **\$6,415.00**

Offertory for September 13th **\$3,865.26**

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

Thank you for your generous contributions.



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

We need help!

Opportunities on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Contact Regina at rasamom3@comcast.net for more information.

This week, at the pantry, we could use:

- Toothpaste
- Parmesan cheese for use on spaghetti sauce
- Plastic wrap

**Volunteer
Ministries**

**Ushers
Lectors
Food Pantry
Faith Formation
Student Suppers**



Please call 603-868-2666



200 Club

*If you are a 200 Club member, you could be a winner at our next drawing on **September 27th.***

There's plenty of time to become a new member or renew your membership before the **September 27th** 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



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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Week of September 21-28

WEEKLY EVENTS:

- MONDAY 9/21** Come and See, 7pm Student Center
- TUESDAY 9/22** Men's Group 7pm—Student Center
Women's Group 7pm — Student Center
- WEDNESDAY 9/23** Board Meeting 5:15pm-MUB 2nd floor
CSO All Student Meeting 7pm-MUB 203
- THURSDAY 9/24** Food Pantry 2-6pm
- FRIDAY 9/25** Adoration, 7pm-STM
- SUNDAY 9/27** Rosary, 4:20pm Parish hall, STM
Student Mass 5pm
Student Supper 5:45pm Student Center

DID YOU KNOW?

The fish, or **ICHTHUS**, is the symbol used by early Christians to identify themselves in times of persecution. In Greek, **ICHTHUS (ΙΧΘΥΣ)** is a monogram for the first five letters of the words "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior."

UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

- Sunday, September 27th 5pm
Sunday, October 4th 5pm
Sunday, October 11th NO MASS-HOLIDAY
Sunday, October 18th 5pm
Sunday, October 25th 5pm

A Homecooked meal to follow Student Masses!

THE HOLY ROSARY

SPEND SOME TIME PRAYING THE ROSARY AND MEDITATING ON THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES EVERY SUNDAY AT 4:20pm IN THE BASEMENT OF THE CHURCH BEFORE STUDENT MASS.



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 23th at 7:00pm at the MUB 203*

Sunday Mass with Supper to Follow

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September 24- John Henry Newman (d. 1890). Convert from Anglicanism. Cardinal. Wrote a famous spiritual autobiography. Wrote about the development of doctrine.

September 26- Paul VI (d. 1978) Presided over most of Vatican II. Last Pope to

receive papal coronation. Wrote about evangelization and natural reproductive methods.

September 27- Vincent de Paul (d. 1660) Champion of the poor. Advisor to royalty. Founded the Daughters of Charity. Numerous charitable societies are named after him.



< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today | 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mt 20:1-16a

Jesus makes it clear that the believers will all have an equal share in Heaven.
"The last will be first, and the first will be last."

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

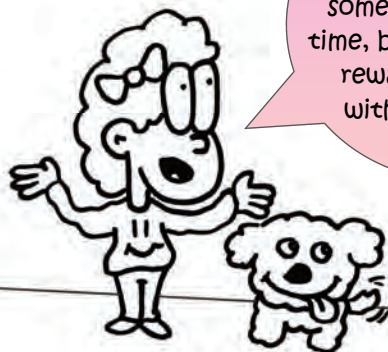
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SWEET as HONEY



J.D., some people
worked all day and
some for only a short
time, but the landowner
rewarded everyone
with the same pay.



Yes Honey, and the
last hired were paid first
so everyone would know
the reward is equal.

Just like Heaven,
where the reward of
eternal life is the same for
both long time believers
and new believers.

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