

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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September 27, 2026; Twenty-Sixth 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

No 12:10pm Mass on Tuesday, September 29th

12:10pm Masses Monday and Wednesday

OFFICE HOURS

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



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Join us 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 27, 2026
Twenty-Sixth 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.*

*Compassionate Lord Jesus, guide us by
your light so that we may be light to others
as we pray:*



*May the Holy Spirit
guide and direct our prayers.*

*Shalom,
Fr. Andy*

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

October 3rd-4th; *Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Reading I: Isaiah 5:1-7
Reading II: Philippians 4: 6-9
Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43



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

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

October 3rd-4th; *Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Saturday 5pm – ☩ John Gordon
Sunday 9am – Greg Thayer
Sunday 11:15am – ☩ Roberta Gendron



STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Classes for Faith Formation Grades K-5 Begin September 27th

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

Faith Formation

Grades K-5th Classes

9:00am-Kindergarten-Grades 1 (Church Hall Classroom)
10:00am- Grade 2 (Student Center Prayer Rm)
10:00am- Grade 3 (Library Student Center)
10:00am- Grades 4 & 5 (Church Hall)

Middle School Youth Ministry

Begins September 27th

10:00am-Middle School (Grades 6-8) Gym –See MS Calendar

LIFE– Living In Faith Everyday



FALL VOLUNTEER CLEAN-UP DAY!

SAVE THE DATE!

We are planning a **Fall Clean-Up Day** on **Saturday, October 24, 2026**, from **9:00 AM to 2:00 PM** rain-or-shine (but you can come for all or part of the event when you can). We will have both indoor and outdoor projects ready and will go with what the weather allows. We will have sign-up lists at the back of the Church beginning the weekend of **October 10th**. The Parish Finance Committee will provide the supplies that will be needed for the tasks.

Thank you in advance. Please come out and join in the fun!

Volunteer Ministries

Ushers
Lectors
Food Pantry
Faith Formation
Student Suppers

Please call 603-868-2666



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meets on Tuesday, October 6th
Tuesday, November 3rd
Tuesday, December 1st

at 11:00 in the student center

All interested in knitting & crocheting are welcome!



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



OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for September 20th **\$4,522.80**

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-

- Bar Soap – any brand
- Soy sauce or teriyaki sauce
- Wax paper

ST. FRANCIS' BLESSING OF PETS & ANIMALS

Sun, Oct 4th

1pm Church back lawn



The Feast of St. Francis reminds us that all creation is a sacred gift and we are responsible to respect and care for all life.

On Oct 4th, we will celebrate all creation with special music, prayers, and environment at all Masses, as well as our STM tradition of **Blessing of Animals/Pets** at 1pm on the back lawn or in the gym if it rains.

BRING PETS ON A LEASH OR IN A CAGE (no snakes, please), to the back lawn. Fr. Andy will lead a prayer & bless all pets by name. Pet food donations for the food pantry Appreciated.



*Christmas Fair
Volunteers
Needed!*

"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.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Week of September 28-October 4th

WEEKLY EVENTS:

MONDAY 9/28 OCIA, 7pm Student Center
TUESDAY 9/29 Men's Group 7pm—Student Center
 Women's Group 7pm — Student Center
WEDNESDAY 9/30 Board Meeting 5:15pm-MUB 2nd floor
 CSO All Student Meeting 7pm-MUB 334
THURSDAY 10/1 Food Pantry 2-6pm
FRIDAY 10/2 Adoration, 7pm-STM
SUNDAY 10/4 Rosary, 4:20pm Parish hall, STM
 Student Mass 5pm
 Student Supper 5:45pm Student Center

DID YOU KNOW?

Christ's Passion culminated in the "finishing" of the Passover meal: Begun the night before when he took the final "drink" from the cup of blessing and then when the sour wine was offered to Him on the sponge when he exclaimed, "I thirst." His saying "It is finished" not only points to the fact that our salvation was now effected, but also to His Passover meal also being finished.

UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Sunday, October 4th	5pm
Sunday, October 11th	NO MASS-HOLIDAY
Sunday, October 18th	5pm
Sunday, October 25th	5pm
Sunday, November 1st	5pm

A Homecooked meal to follow Student Masses!

SAVE THE DATE!

OUR FALL RETREAT WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14th. TIME AND PLACE TBD. KEEP CHECKING THE BULLETIN.



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October 2-Feast of the Guardian Angels

October 4-Francis of Assisi (d. 1226)

Totally dedicated to poverty and the poor. Mystic and Stigmatist. Founded the Franciscan mendicant

order. Established the first creche. Had dialogue with Muslim rulers.

October 5-Faustina Kowalska (d. 1938).

Polish nun. Had visions of Christ. Established the Divine Mercy devotion.



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 30th at 7:00pm at the MUB 203

Sunday Mass with Supper to Follow

October 4th at 5pm

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 21:28-32

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- Matthew 21:29

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