

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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October 25, 2026; *Thirtieth 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

12:10pm Mass Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

OFFICE HOURS

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

Closed: Friday

Food Pantry-Thursday 4-6pm

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 celebra. on.

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.

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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.*



In God's Own Image

We often hear someone say,
"I'm just an ordinary this or that." Yet in reality, we are all quite special since we are each a marvelous unrepeatable creation, someone made in the very image of God. For that reason, we are each a God-carrier. This makes each of us truly special.

"How well is this thought articulated in Newman's **The Mission of My Life**:
God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connections between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments. Therefore I will trust him. Whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness can serve Him, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow can serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what he is about. He may take away my fiends. He may throw me among strangers, He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still he knows what he is about.

John Henry, Cardinal Newman
(1801-1990)

"Reflect on God's presence within you as your life unfolds."

Fr. Andrew

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October 24th-25th; Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Exodus 22:20-26
Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

October 31st -November 1st; All Saints

Reading I: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
Reading II: 1 John 3:1-3
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a



October 24th-25th; Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – † Susan Quail
Sunday 9am – † Rev. Jean Lemay
Sunday 11:15am – † Sally Clifford

October 31st -November 1st; All Saints

Saturday 5pm – † Sister Frances Arduini, SA
Sunday 9am – † Deceased Members of STM Community
Sunday 11:15am – † Rita Calamari



STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Classes for Faith Formation-Grades K-5

Next Class October 25th

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

Next Class October 25th

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

LIFE– Living In Faith Everyday

LOVE
GOD

*On these two commandments
depend the entire law*

LOVE
OTHERS



Offertory

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

Offertory for October 11th **\$3,327.00**

Offertory for October 18th **\$4,580.00**

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

Thank you for your generous contributions



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

**Still desperate need of volunteers
for Thursday mornings for pick ups from
Hannaford on Central Avenue in Dover.**

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

This week, at the pantry, we could use:

- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Mayonnaise



200 Club

October is full of color and the weather is cooler. Halloween is on the way!

There's plenty of time to become a new member or renew your membership before the **October 25th** 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

Thank you for your support

*A special note of thanks to all those who
have supported and continue to support
the club. You have made a difference!*



Adult Faith Formation Series-Updated Dates

Derick Alexandre, our Campus Minister is
offering a 5-week series on Pope Leo XIV
Encyclical Letter of Magnificent Humanity
(Magnifica Humanitas):

*"On Safeguarding The Human Person in the Time of
Artificial Intelligence."*

Each Session will be on Wednesdays 1-2:30pm in the Gym

Please mark your calendar with the following updated dates:

October 28th November 4th November 11th



Thank you for all who helped with Fall Clean-up at the Church/Center last weekend.

We couldn't have done it without you!

Receive the Word
with **JOY**



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Ed Donnelly Barbara Farrington Peter Farrington
Dot Meneghin Greg Thayer**

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



The Faith Community of St. Thomas More
remembers our beloved parishioners enrolled
in this year's Book of Remembrance
All Soul's Day ~ November 2, 2026
Mass of Remembrance 7pm

Mary Kelly Murphy

Tom Parks

Carol Cullen

Mary Agnes Conlon

Sandy Ceronis

Madeline Lockhardt

William MacBride

Bernadette Komonchak

Rita Calamari

Mary Ellen Wilson

David Holmes



DONATIONS NEEDED for Thanksgiving Baskets!

It's that time of year to open our hearts and share our bounty!

Thanksgiving Baskets are completed with the the help of STM's Food Pantry which is now serving record numbers of families, so your help is especially needed this year to complete our baskets. Thank you!

ABSOLUTELY NEED:

- 140 CANS of Pie Filling (Fruit or Pumpkin & Evaporated Milk)
- 140 Pie Crust mixes or ready-made Graham cracker crusts
- 50 Brownie mixes
- 80 Jars of Pickles AND 90 Jars of Olives
- 160 Jars or cans of Turkey Gravy
- 160 Jars of Cranberry Sauce
- 160 Boxes of Stuffing
- 80 Aluminum Roasting Pans & Napkins (Thanksgiving Themed if possible)
- Candy- We make 100 bags!

Thanksgiving Food Baskets



ALSO NEED: Cash or gift cards (for fresh food, etc.)

The front doors of the Student Center are always open and ready for donations!
We could use your donations ASAP to ensure enough food for all of the basket requests this year. We appreciate all donations by **Sunday, November 9th**.
THANK YOU! 2025: Over 100 baskets were made thanks to your generosity!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week of Oct 26th-Nov 1st



WEEKLY EVENTS:

MONDAY 10/26	7pm Student Center
TUESDAY 10/27	Men's Group 7pm—Student Center Women's Group 7pm — Student Center
WEDNESDAY 10/28	Board Meeting 5:15pm-MUB 2 nd floor CSO All Student Meeting 7pm-MUB 334
THURSDAY 10/29	Food Pantry 2-6pm
FRIDAY 10/30	Adoration, 7pm-STM
SATURDAY 10/31	Halloween Hootenanny-Student Center
SUNDAY 11/1	4:20pm Student Rosary 5:00pm Student Mass/Supper

DID YOU KNOW?

The Sedlec Ossuary ("Church of Bones") is a small Roman Catholic Chapel in the Czech Republic. It uses 40,000–70,000 human skeletons as decorations.

UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Sunday, November 1 st	5pm
Sunday, November 8 th	5pm
Sunday, November 15 th	5pm
Sunday, November 22 nd	5pm
Sunday, November 29 th THANKSGIVING-	NO MASS

A home cooked meal to follow Student Mass.

SAVE THE DATE!

OUR FALL RETREAT WILL TAKE PLACE
ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14th AT
CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH,
PORTSMOUTH, FROM 9AM-3:30PM



CSO SAINTS CORNER



NOVEMBER 1st— SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS!-
Holy Day of Obligation

NOVEMBER 2nd- FEAST OF ALL SOULS.— a
wonderful opportunity to pray for deceased
loved ones.

NOVEMBER 3rd-MARTIN DE PORRES (d. 1639).
Peruvian. One of the first indigenous saints to
be canonized. His charity extended to all
races. Cared for slaves. Many miracles
resulted from his closeness to God.

UNH Catholic Student Organization News for Fall 2026 Students

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

Derick Alexandre

dalexandre@outlook.com

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
October 28th at 7:00pm at the MUB 203

Sunday Mass with Supper to Follow
November 1st at 5pm

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