

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

6 Madbury Road (P.O. Box 620) – Durham, New Hampshire 03824-0620

March 2, 2025 **Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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SUNDAY LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

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

WEEKDAY MASS

12:10pm Mass Monday, Tuesday

Ash Wednesday, March 5th: 12:10pm, 5pm, & 7pm

OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tues, Thurs: 9-3pm, & Wed 9-1pm. **Closed Friday**

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 ext. 115.

First Communion, First Reconciliation & Youth Confirmation:

Call Director of Faith Formation at ext. 110.

For Parish Registration call 603-868-2666 or visit 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.*



Lent is the springtime of the Church's year. The word itself probably comes from the Old English "lencten," which refers to the lengthening of the day-time hours. Spring is a good image for what this season means: new life, hope, joy in the gifts of God that surrounds us.

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are traditional Lenten activities. When they are freely undertaken, they are ways in which a person actively turns toward God and signals one's willingness to journey with the Lord on the road to Jerusalem.

Our reception of ashes this Wednesday means we recognize ourselves as sinners. In the Bible, to cover one's head with ashes and to fast are penitential signs; they express the sinner's repentance imploring God's mercy. May faith in the Lord help us pass with Him from death to life.

~Fr. Andrew

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Reading I: Sirach 27:4-7
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58
Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

March 8th-9th; First Sunday of Lent

Reading I: Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Reading II: Romans 10:8-13
Gospel: Luke 4:1-13



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Saturday 5pm – † Michael Healy
Sunday 9am – † Michael Kneeland, Jr
Sunday 11:15am – † Paul Kilian

March 8th-9th; First Sunday of Lent

Saturday 5pm – † Paul Cardarople
Sunday 9am – † Carol Ober
Sunday 11:15am – † Bernice Kozyra



Ash Wednesday Masses

Will be on Wednesday, March 5th.
at
12:10pm, 5pm, & 7pm.



Confirmation & First Eucharist

Please pray for our Faith Formation students
receiving their Confirmation & First Eucharist
on Tuesday, March 11th.

*May they be filled with the Holy Spirit as they
prepare to be Disciples of Christ and as they
receive their Spiritual Food for the Journey.*



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ed Donnelly Barbara Farrington Peter Farrington
Dot Meneghin Jody Newman Emma True Otterbein

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



Prayer Shawl Ministry

No meeting in March
April 2nd at 11:30 in the library; and
May 7th at 11:30 in the library.



March 5 - April 13



St. Thomas More goal is **\$31,105.00**
Currently we have raised **\$31,105.00.**

WE MADE IT!

*Thank you to
everyone who helped
us reach our goal,*



OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for February 16th **\$3,987.00**
Offertory for February 23rd **\$5,624.00**

"Give and it shall be given to you." - Luke 6:38
Thank you for your generous contributions.



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

We are continuing our efforts to be more sustainable where we can. Thank you for the donation of the reusable grocery bags; we are still in need of empty 32 ounce spray bottles we will give to our clients along with cleaning concentrate which we will refill upon return.

As always, if you would like to join our team, contact Regina Smick-Attisano at rasamom3@comcast.net

This week, at the pantry, we have a need for:

- Sandwich bags
- Powdered sugar
- Crackers



MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGN

Our goal is **\$20,000.00**
Please help us reach our goal.
Currently we are at **\$13,099.00**

2025 Matching Gift Campaign is now officially begun and may run for approximately a few more weeks.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



200 CLUB

"1 WEEK TO GO TO BE A BIG WINNER at the 200 Club; 7th anniversary drawing that has been rescheduled to March 9, 2025"

You could be a winner of \$500 or \$300 or \$100 – the special prizes at the **Seventh Anniversary 200 Club Drawing on March 9th** - but only if you are a member of the 200 Club and your **payment has been received at the parish office by Monday, March 3rd.**

Both enrollment and renewal are easy. There's plenty of time to become a new member or renew your membership before the **March 9th** drawing.

Subscription options are for 3, 6 or 12 months, at a cost of \$50, \$100 or \$200 respectively.

New/renewal application forms are available at the church entrances. Or 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



Why the 200 Club?

The purpose of the 200 Club is to supplement the weekly collection in support of parish operations, programs and services. This additional revenue is required to offset variations in the weekly collections and the reduced income from some of the more traditional Parish fundraising activities. Specifically:

Our demographics are changing and the resources to conduct these traditional fundraising activities are diminishing.

Free time for many of our parishioners is an increasingly rare commodity making it difficult to engage in labor-intensive parish maintenance and fund-raising activities.

Despite aggressive expense controls, costs continue to rise for virtually all parish programs, pastoral, educational and diocesan as well as facilities maintenance, repair and utilities.

200 Club Rules

The Club is run by an administrative committee consisting of 4 Co-Chairs with the assistance of the St. Thomas More Finance committee.

The target is to have 200 members. Membership options are \$50 for a 3-month membership, \$100 for a 6-month membership and \$200 for a full year's membership.

Only parishioners can promote and/or solicit memberships.

Membership is open to all parishioners, relatives and friends 18 years of age and older. Membership numbers will be assigned on a first come/first served basis.

Numbers will be drawn monthly for 3 prizes: \$100, \$50 and \$25. Checks for prizes will be mailed to the lucky winners. Anniversary drawing prizes will be \$500, \$300 and \$100.

Only the numbers of members who are up to date in their monthly payments will be entered in the monthly drawing.

Members can win more than once.

After payment of prize money and related expenses, all revenues will become part of the St. Thomas More general fund. For the calendar year 2025, 200 Club revenues will be earmarked for support of the much-needed repairs and upgrades to the rectory.



200 Club Membership; New or Renewal Form

Please Select: New Membership ☐ Renewal ☐ Referred/Gifted by _____

Name: First: _____ Last: _____

Address: Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Date: _____ **Phone:** _____ **Email:** (Optional) _____

Amount Included: _____

(\$50 Quarterly Membership, \$100 Semi-Annual Membership, \$200 Annual Membership)

Mail this subscription form and check to the Saint Thomas More parish office, PO Box 620, Durham, NH 03824. Please make sure that the check is made out to 'St. Thomas More Church' and the words '200 Club' appear on the memo line of the check.

The **200** Club



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



March 3rd-9th

MONDAY 3/3	OCIA 8pm STUDENT CENTER
TUESDAY 3/4	Women's Group, 7pm Men's Group, 7pm Lighthouse
WEDNESDAY 3/5	ASH WEDNESDAY 12:10pm, 5pm & 7pm
FRIDAY 3/6	Stations of the Cross, 7pm STM Adoration, 8pm STM
SATURDAY 3/7	Social, TBD

UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Sunday, March 9th	5pm
Sunday, March 16th	SPRING BREAK
Sunday, March 23rd	SPRING BREAK
Sunday, March 30th	5pm

Home Cooked Meal to Follow All Student Masses!

A Friendly Reminder to Abstain from Meat on Fridays During Lent!

May your grace not forsake us, O Lord, we pray, but make us dedicated to your holy service and at all times obtain for us your help.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.



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March 1—St. David (d. 589) Patron saint of Wales. Known for numerous miracles. Founder of a monastic order of profound strictness. His symbol is the leek.

March 3— St. Katharine Drexel (d. 1955) Heiress who gave away her large fortune to the poor. Devoted her life to missions with Native Americans and African Americans.



UNH Catholic Student Organization News for Spring 2025 Students

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

Derick Alexandre—unhstm@gmail.com or Sarah Hunton—sarah.hunton@unh.edu

Stay tuned for more exciting events happening this semester.

Hope to see you at the next meeting
March 12th at 7:00pm at the MUB 162

Sunday Mass
March 9th at 5pm

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