

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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August 10, 2025-Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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SUNDAY LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am; 11:15 am

WEEKDAY MASS

12:10pm Mass on Monday, Tuesday

11am Funeral Mass on Wednesday

Weekday Masses will be in the Student Center-Library

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Friday, August 15th-Masses: 12:10pm & 7pm-in the Church

OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tues, Thurs: 9-1pm & Closed Wednesday & 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.

August 10, 2025
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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.



The Assumption

On this day, the Church celebrates the tradition that at the end of her earthly life the Blessed Virgin Mary was assumed into heavenly glory. The earliest references to this belief date from the Fourth Century, yet it wasn't until 1950 that Pope Pius XII defined it as an article of faith. August 15th has been observed as a feast day of Mary since the beginning of the Seventh Century.

The poet, Gerard Manley Hopkins, S. J., sketches her role in salvation history in his elegant poem, "*The Blessed Virgin Compared to the Air We Breathe.*"

*Of her flesh he took flesh;
He does take fresh and fresh,
though much the mystery how,
Not flesh but spirit now
And makes, O marvellous!
New Nazareths in us,
where shall yet conceive
Him, morning, noon, and eve;
New Bethlems, and he born
there, evening, noon, and morn
Bethlem or Nazareth,
Men here may draw like breath
More Christ and baffle death;
Who, born so, comes to be
New self and nobler me
In each one and each one
More makes, when all is done.*

May we be led to the glory of heaven by the prayers of the Virgin Mary.

Fr. Andrew

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Reading I: Wisdom 18:6-9
Reading II: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

August 16th-17th ; Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
Reading II: Hebrews 12:1-4
Gospel: Luke 12:49-53



August 9th-10th; Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – ☩ Meridith Mistretta
Sunday 9am – ☩ Mary Ambrose Nasca
Sunday 11:15am – ☩ Kathleen Sturmer

August 16th-17th ; Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – ☩ Msgr. Donald Gilbert
Sunday 9am – ☩ Helen Donnelly
Sunday 11:15am – ☩ Leonard Attisano (1st Anniversary)



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Holy Day of Obligation)
Friday, August 15th
Mass Times: 12:10pm and 7pm



OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for August 3, 2025 **\$6,627.00**

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



Mission Appeal this weekend:

The Mission Office of the Diocese of Manchester each year invites a missionary group to share about their mission work in all the parishes. This weekend, August 9-10, we will have a guest speaker at all the masses offering the annual mission appeal for the church's many-faceted missionary activities throughout the world. Foundation for Children in Need is a Catholic lay organization based in Arlington Heights, IL. Alan Carlson, Sponsor and Supporter of FCN is very happy to visit us and share about their mission work in the interior villages of India. FCN sponsors 1800 children and college students and 100 seniors. They have been responsible for building several schools, boarding homes, a community health center and two homes for the elderly. They provide free medical check-ups and medicine to thousands of needy people and children. They also provide vocational training in sewing and embroidery to rural village women. 2000 children born with Cleft Lip and Cleft Palate have been helped with free corrective surgeries in the past 10 years. We welcome Alan and encourage you to support their mission work generously. There will be a second collection taken up this weekend. To know more about their mission work, please visit: www.fcnc-usa.org.



"I am the Resurrection and the life"

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Paul Cox**
 Memorial Mass will be here at STM on
Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at 11am.



Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

ARE YOU THE NEXT WINNER?



200 CLUB

If you are a 200 Club member, you could be a winner at our next drawing on August 31st..

There's plenty of time to become a new member or renew your membership before the August 31st drawing.

Both enrollment and renewal are easy. Quarterly and Semi annual subscriptions are available at \$50 and \$100 respectively.

Simply write a check made payable to St. Thomas More Church. Don't forget to also 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

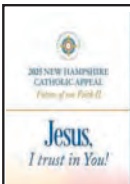
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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING A MINISTER OF HOSPITALITY TO WELCOME PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS TO OUR COMMUNITY?

We are in need of Ushers & Greeters, for all Masses, especially on Sundays at 11:15am. If interested, please contact Ann McGurty at the office at 603-868-2666.

Training will be provided.



St. Thomas More goal is **\$31,101.00**
We have raised \$20,525.12

Help us reach our goal!
 Thank you to all who have contributed. Feel free to take an envelope complete it and mail it directly to **2025 NH Catholic Appeal**:

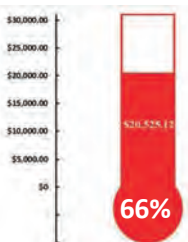
drop it in the basket at the entrances of the Church; place it in the collection basket; or go online at www.catholicnh.org/nhca

Our Parish number code is 41830.



Our STM Food Pantry and Campus Ministry benefit from the NHCA contributions.

Thank you for your continual support.



St. Thomas More Food Pantry

Summer is in full swing as is our Food Pantry. Numbers have been up over the past three weeks. Your support is appreciated and needed. When donating food items, please pay attention to the best buy dates on the items; we cannot distribute foods passed their best buy or expiration dates.

Our pantry has many opportunities for volunteers to assist. If you have some extra time to give, contact Regina Smick-Attisano - rasamom3@comcast.net for the details.

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

- BBQ sauces
- tissues
- herbal teas



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ed Donnelly Barbara Farrington Peter Farrington
Dot Meneghin Bernadette Komonchak

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

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Jesus said to disciples: ‘Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.’”

Our lives are challenged by identity theft, protected by security guards, constantly reminding us of threats to our existence. Maybe I fail to hear Jesus simply telling me, as part of his little flock, that the Father has something more important for me to seek and protect, the kingdom, the church on earth, the life of grace, and the promised reward of eternal life.

We take for granted God’s gift and love, the treasure of treasures, His grace in the sacraments, His word in our hearts. How often the scriptures tell us not to fear. My only fear is to fall away and not seize this moment to accept His gift. We often think of treasures in material terms as money, possessions, family, employment. They may be of value today. But what about tomorrow? Where is your treasure, where is your heart? Are your eyes fixed on the Lord and your salvation?

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS

mine eyes
hath
seen thy
Salvation



< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Luke 12:32-48

As good and faithful servants we are expected to always be prepared for a visit from God. Are you ready?

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Be loving and respectful
Be helpful, trustworthy and prayerful
Be kind, generous and forgiving
Be ready, faithful and have hope!

Write the alphabet letters **NOT** found in the lamp below.



Unscramble the letters above and fill in the blanks to complete the sentence below.

...light your lamp and be like the

_____ who awaits their master's return...
ready to open immediately when he
comes and knocks.

Luke 12:35-36

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OUR PARENTS**

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Your Five Kids!! XO

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