

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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**November 2, 2025-The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
(All Souls' Day)**



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SUNDAY LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am; 11:15 am & 5pm Mass (When UNH is in Session)

WEEKDAY MASS

12:10pm Mass on Mon, Tues & Wed

OFFICE HOURS

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

Food Pantry-Thursdays 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 stmdurham.org.

November 2, 2025

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

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.*

A November Poem

Ronald Stuart Thomas was the leading Welsh poet of the 20th century. He died in September, 2000. In 1996, he was nominated for the Nobel Prize in Literature. He lost out to Seamus Heaney who delivered the eulogy at the Westminster Abbey memorial tribute.

My favorite R.S. Thomas poem is "*The Belfry*", and November is the month to ponder its message.

The Belfry



*I have seen it standing up grey,
Gaunt, as though no sunlight
Could ever thaw out the music
Of its great bell; terrible
In its own way, for religion
Is like that. There are times
When a black frost is upon
One's whole being, and the heart
In its bone belfry hangs and is
dumb.*

*But who is to know? Always
Even in winter in the cold
Of a stone church, on his knees
Someone is praying, whose prayers fall
Steadily through the hard spell
Of weather that is between God
And himself. Perhaps they are warm rain
That brings the sun and afterwards flowers
On the raw graves and the throbbing of bells.*

- R.S. Thomas

May we always be open to the grace of God which is bigger than our imagination or expectation.

*Blessings,
Fr. Andrew*

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Reading I: Wisdom 3:1-9
Reading II: Romans 6:3-9
Gospel: John 6:37-40

November 8th-9th; The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Reading I: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17
Gospel: John 2:13-22



November 1st-2nd; The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

Saturday 5pm – ☩ John Foley
Sunday 9am – ☩ Brian K. Bain
Sunday 11:15am – ☩ All Souls Mass of Remembrance

November 8th-9th; The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Saturday 5pm – ☩ Evelyn Smick
Sunday 9am – ☩ Carolyn Porter
Sunday 11:15am – ☩ Mary Kuebler



STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

**FAITH FORMATION CLASSES ON
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND**

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

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Grades K-5th Classes

Faith Formation Grades K-5 Classes– November 2nd

Middle School Youth Ministry

Next Class November 2nd

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

LIFE– Living In Faith Everyday



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

We are anticipating an increase in requests for our Thanksgiving Baskets. The Durham/Newmarket Rotary provides the Food Pantry with quite a few turkeys but the number coming from the NH Food Bank is down this year. **We can use gift cards** of any denomination to help purchase turkeys, turkey breasts and/or Cornish hens for our patrons. If you can give one, please drop off when the church office is open.

This week, at the pantry, we need the following items:

- Dish liquid
- Tissues
- Pickles



OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for October 26, 2025 **\$4,938.00**

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



St. Thomas More goal is **\$31,101.00**

We have raised **\$26, 397.37**

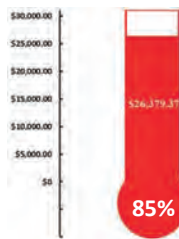
Help Us Reach Our Goal!

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.

Thank you for your continual support.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ed Donnelly
Peter Farrington
Barbara Farrington

Christine Johnston
Dot Meneghin
Bernadette Komonchak

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



200 Club

There were no tricks just treats for the October 200 Club Winners.

Congratulations to...

Linda Blough
William Spratt
Mary Rogers



There's plenty of time to become a new member or renew your membership before the November 24th drawing.

Subscription options are as follows: The 200 club year ends in January. For 2026 new or renewal of 'annual', 'semi-annual', and monthly' subscriptions will be accepted.

200 Club enrollment forms for November are available at the entrances to the church.

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 603-767-3578

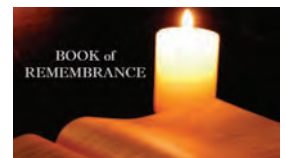


ALL SOULS DAY REMEMBRANCE of our deceased parishioners buried from St. Thomas More this past year is included in the Sunday 11:15am Mass on November 2, 2025.

Helen Donnelly
Katharine Muth
Mary Ann Wren
Patricia Craig
Albert Barbour
Patricia Silberblatt

Jeanne Haley
Roger Salava
Christopher McDowell
Shirley Laffler
Ronald Cole
Noel Austin

Geoffrey Fitzgerald
Roger Cloitre
Paul Cox
Robert Brown
Joan Henry
Meredith Mistretta



BOOK of REMEMBRANCE is enthroned in the Church throughout November.

May our continued prayers bring you and your family comfort and healing.



Thanksgiving Baskets

**DONATIONS NEEDED:
For Thanksgiving Baskets!**

**It's that time of year to open our
hearts and share our bounty...
ABSOLUTELY NEED:**

- 110 CANS of Pie Filling
- 55 Brownie mixes AND 55 Cake Mixes with Frosting
- 60 Jars of Pickles AND 60 jars of Olives
- 170 Jars or cans of Turkey Gravy
- 110 Bottles of Salad Dressing
- 160 Boxes of Stuffing
- 80 Aluminum Roasting Pans & Napkins (Thanksgiving Themed if possible)
- Candy- We make 100 bags!

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 9.

THANK YOU!

2024: 101 baskets were made thanks to your generosity!



Prayer Shawl Ministry

*Meets on Tuesday, November 4th
at 11:30 in the student center library
All interested in knitting & crocheting are
welcome!*



THANKSGIVING PIE FUNDRAISER



The CSO students are currently taking orders for Apple & Pumpkin Pies for Thanksgiving.

\$12 per pie or 2 pies for \$20

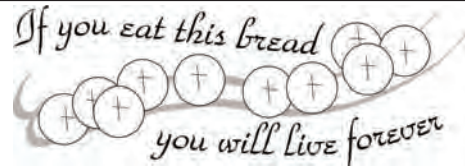
All orders must be received by Thursday, Nov 20th
Forms are available at the entrances of Church .

**Pick up pies on Mon, Nov. 24th & Tues, Nov. 25th
(See section below for time pick-ups)**



We would like to welcome Sebastian Pax West into our Parish Family, October 25th. He is the son of Brian and Sara West.

God's Blessing upon him and his family.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**STM Christmas Fair will be on
Saturday, December 6th 9-2pm**

**Planning Meeting will be in the gym,
Sunday, Nov. 9th at 10 am (Between Masses) in the Gym**

**Sign ups will be in at the entrance of the Church on
November 9th**



**Christmas
Fair
Volunteers
Needed!**

**STM Christmas Fair
Saturday, Dec 6, 2025**

The STM Christmas Fair is one of our biggest Fundraisers for the parish and **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

The Christmas Fair is in need of volunteers for the various tables and activities at the fair: White Elephant, Bake Table, Basket Raffle, Pets, Jewelry, Accessories, Crafts, Set-up and Clean-up, etc... We are also looking for someone who would be interested in assisting with advertising/ promotion. Please contact **Kara Kane directly at 603-767-9837** if you are able to assist with one of these roles.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

If you are able to help with raffle prize donations and/or gift baskets, all donations will be greatly appreciated. Monetary gifts are also accepted as we can use these to purchase raffle items. Many businesses will donate items at this time of year, so please check to see if your company participates in charitable giving. **THANK YOU!**

ORDER FORM due by Thursday, Nov 20th Please complete this form and mail or bring in person with money)

\$12 per pie or 2 pies for \$20

Apple Pie # _____

Pumpkin Pie # _____

I am paying by (check one): cash _____ check _____ (please make all checks out to Diocese of Manchester)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Come by the **Catholic Student Center** (next to the Church) on Monday, Nov 24th between 1pm-6pm or Tuesday the 25th between 1pm-6pm to pick up your pies

Thank you for your choice to help support the Catholic Student Organization at UNH. Have a blessed holiday season!





CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Week of November 3rd-10th

WEEKLY EVENTS

- MONDAY 11/3** OCIA 7pm Student Center
- TUESDAY 11/4** Men's Group-Lighthouse 7pm
Women's Group-Sarah's Apartment 7pm
- WEDNESDAY 11/5** CSO All Student Meeting MUB 162
- THURSDAY 11/6** Food Pantry 4-6pm
- FRIDAY 11/7** CSO Board Meeting 5:30-6:30pm
Adoration, 7pm STM Church

DID YOU KNOW?

A few months after Pope Formosus (815–896) died, his cadaver was exhumed, dressed in papal vestments, put on trial for political disagreements, and judged to be unworthy of the papacy. His papal edicts were deemed invalid, the fingers he used to perform sacraments were cut off, and his body was tossed into the Tiber River.

UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Sunday, November 9th | 5pm |
| Sunday, November 16th | 5pm |
| Sunday, November 23rd | 5pm |
| Sunday, November 30th | Thanksgiving Break |

A Homecooked meal to follow Student

The CSO celebrated a festive Halloween Hootenanny on October 25th. Lots of games, dancing, and wild costumes! A great fundraiser for our Catholic students.



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November 9–Feast of the Lateran Basilica. Official church of the Pope in Rome. One of Four Major Papal Basilicas.

November 10– Pope St. Leo the Great (d. 461). Champion of Christological Orthodoxy. His famous "Tome" helped to clarify that Jesus was fully divine and fully human. Two natures in union.



UNH Catholic Student Organization News for Fall 2025 Students

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

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

Stay tuned for more exciting events happening this semester.

Hope to see you at the next meeting
November 5th at 7:00pm at the MUB 162

Sunday Mass with Supper to Follow
November 9th at 5pm

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