

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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April 12, 2026-Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)



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SUNDAY LITURGIES

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

WEEKDAY MASS

12:10pm Mass Mon, Tue, and Wed

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 9-3pm & Wed: 9-1pm &
Closed Friday
Food Pantry-Thursday 4-6pm

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.

April 12, 2026
Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

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.*



Springtime

The English poet Philip Larkin (1922-1985) wrote like Auden and Hardy; mostly his poems are about ordinary things.

The Trees is one such poem and is an appropriate introduction to the new month.

The Trees

*The trees are coming into leaf
Like something almost being said;
The recent buds relax and spread,
Their greenness is a kind of grief.*

*Is it that they are born again
And we grow old? No, they die too.
Their yearly trick of looking new
Is written down in rings of grain.*

*Yet still the unresting castles thresh
In full grown thickness every May.*

*Last year is dead, they seem to say,
Begin afresh, afresh, afresh.*

May this little nature poem help us appreciate the mystery of God's creation.

Fr. Andrew

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MASSES & OFFICE HOURS

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5pm
Sunday 9am, 11:15am & 5pm (resumes April 12th)

WEEKDAY MASS

12:10pm MASS ON MON, TUES & WED

OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tues & Thurs 9-3pm & Wed: 9-1pm & Closed Friday
Food Pantry-Thursday 4-6pm

April 11th-12th; Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47
Reading II: 1 Peter 1:3-9
Gospel: John 20:19-31

April 18th-19th ; Third Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 2:14. 22-33
Reading II: 1 Peter 1:17-21
Gospel: Luke 24:13-35



April 11th-12th; Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Saturday 5pm –† Bernadette Komonchak
Sunday 9am –† Noel Austin
Sunday 11:15am –† Ron Cole

April 18th-19th ; Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday 5pm –† Clifford Morton
Sunday 9am –† Connie Attisano
Sunday 11:15am –† Pablo & Mary Luz Rasilla



200 CLUB

If you are a 200 Club member, you could be showered with winnings at our next drawing on **April 26th**

Both enrollment and renewal are easy. The next drawing is on **Sunday, April 26th**, so there's plenty of time to become a new member or renew your membership.

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:

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

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



OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for March 29th **\$4,910.00**

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



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Bishop Libasci invites couples celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, etc. years of marriage in 2026 to a Mass in celebration of wedding anniversaries. The Mass will be held on **Sunday, June 7, at 2:00 p.m. at Saint Joseph Cathedral, Manchester**. To register, please contact your parish office by **May 15th**. The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all couples will receive a mailed invitation to this special celebration. To those celebrating significant anniversary years, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at the Cathedral this summer!



MEMORIALS FOR DECEASED LOVED ONES

Frederick Holmes	Catherine Holmes
Marty Foley	Val & Joan Clifford
Nora Kennedy	Daisy Giannotti
Derk J. Wierda	Giuseppe & Maria Amato
Jane & Clayton Douville	Noel Austin
Mabel Austin	Clarence & Mary Hodsdon
Rita Smith	Richard L. Dupuis
Michael & Bette Jablonski	Michael Jablonski, Jr.
Charles Longchamps	Janice Live

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IN HONOR OF...

Elizabeth Black



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

In March, the Pantry served 334 patrons from nine towns. The number of towns remains constant, but our numbers increased about one third more than December totals.

We are seeking volunteers to assist with unloading food donations from the NH Food Bank on Wednesday in the early afternoon (typically around 1:00pm). Please let me know if this sounds like it can fit into your schedule and I can provide the details. Contact me at rasamom3@comcast.net.

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

- Tissues
- Ketchup
- Quick bread mixes



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ed Donnelly	Barbara Farrington
Peter Farrington	Dot Meneghin

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



2026 New Hampshire Catholic Appeal

The New Hampshire Catholic Appeal (NHCA): **Future of our Faith II, Jesus, I trust in You**, an annual appeal to grow and expand ministries in the Church in New Hampshire. Thank you to all who donated to the NHCA last year. The New Hampshire Catholic Appeal again will help fund essential ministries like the care for our retired priests, education and formation of seminarians, Catholic education, faith formation, parish support, *Parable* magazine, the Community Services program at Catholic Charities NH and more. All registered parishioners will receive a copy of the appeal materials in the mail so that you can learn more about the NHCA and how you can participate. Our parish goal this year is **\$34,448.00** and 90% of the money raised over that goal will be rebated to our parish to use for our parish needs.

As we place our trust in God, we ask through his Divine Mercy, that the ministries supported by the NHCA will continue to make a difference in the lives of so many people. To make your gift, please return the gift envelope that you will receive in the mail at home which includes your donor ID and parish ID to your parish or mail directly to the NHCA. Or, please visit the appeal's website <https://www.catholicnh.org/nhca> to give online, or call the Appeal Office at 603-663-0170 (Please use the **Parish Id# 41830** on all online donations/write on check memo). Our **STM Food Pantry** and **Campus Ministry** benefit from the NHCA contributions.





JESUS, *I trust in You!*

Reflecting the love of God through the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal

Generosity is a central theme in the Bible, reflecting the love of God. Saint Leo the Great writes “If God is love, charity should know no limit, for God cannot be confined.” In the spirit of mercy and love, please consider giving a gift to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal which supports those in need and provides for the ministries that assist in growing our faith in our state.

Thanks to your generosity, the NHCA supports the following ministries:

- Community Services program at Catholic Charities NH which provides compassionate guidance and support to New Hampshire residents facing dire situations or hardships
- Seminarian education and formation and support of the permanent diaconate
- Care for our retired priests
- Catholic education
- Vibrant parishes
- Evangelization and catechesis in the home with *Parable Magazine*
- Faith Formation through campus ministry and Totus Tuus
- Multicultural Ministry
- Catholic cemeteries

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**We love because
he first loved us.**

1 John 4:19

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To donate or learn more about the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal, visit our website at: www.catholicnh.org/nhca or scan the QR code



2026

**New Hampshire
Catholic Appeal**

Future of our Faith II





CALENDAR OF EVENTS



April 13th-19th

MONDAY 4/13	7pm Mystagogy STUDENT CENTER
TUESDAY 4/14	Women's Group, 7pm Gables Men's Group, 7pm Lighthouse
WEDNESDAY 4/15	CSO Meeting 7pm MUB 334
THURSDAY 4/16	Food Pantry 2:00-6:00pm
FRIDAY 4/17	Adoration, 7:00pm STM
SUNDAY 4/19	Rosary, 4:15pm

UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Sunday, April 19th	5pm
Sunday, April 26th	5pm
Sunday, May 3rd	5pm

Home Cooked Meal to Follow All Student Masses!

**CHRIST IS RISEN.
ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!**



DID YOU KNOW?

In recognition of Friday as the day of the crucifixion, canon law calls for abstinence from eating meat on ALL Fridays of the year (see Canon 1251). The bishops of the United States have determined that outside of the Fridays of Lent, Catholics may choose to substitute another penance that is particularly meaningful to them.

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April 4th-Isidore of Seville (d. 636). Re-united Spain as an Orthodox Christian country. "Schoolmaster of the Middle Ages." Patron saint of computer users.

April 17- Benedict Labre (d. 1783) Eccentric pilgrim who lived off alms and shared everything with the poor. Known for his Forty Hours of Devotion. A saintly fixture around Rome.



UNH Catholic Student Organization News for Spring 2026 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
April 15th at 7:00pm at the MUB 334

Sunday Mass
April 19th at 5pm

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