

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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May 17, 2026- Seventh Sunday of Easter



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SUNDAY LITURGIES

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

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.

May 17, 2026
Seventh Sunday of Easter

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.*

Birdsong

What do the tall trees say
To the late havocs in the sky?
They sigh.
The air moves, and they sway.
When the breeze on the hill
Is still, then they stand still.
They wait.
They have no fear. Their fate
Is faith. Birdsong
Is all they've wanted, all along.
- Wendell Berry



Birds are everywhere in the Bible. They appear in some of the best-known Scripture passages of both testaments. This past Sunday birds were seemingly everywhere around the Church grounds and their birdsong filled the air. What caught my eye was the solitary cardinal, my late mother's favorite bird, and I was filled with an overwhelming sense of joy and peace. Emily Dickinson said "**Hope is the thing with feathers.**"

Some ornithologists suggest "**birds sing because of sheer pleasure in the world as they find it at sunrise.**"

It is their **Lauds**, morning praise.

Jesus told us "**consider the birds.**" It helps to relieve ourselves of our anxieties about life and refocus on God's mysterious grace. As we continue to keep ourselves physically safe, perhaps birdsong can fortify our spiritual immune system.

Prayers and Blessings for a safe and happy week,

Fr. Andrew

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MASSES & OFFICE HOURS

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5pm
Sunday 9am, 11:15am

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12:10pm MASS ON MON, TUES & WED

OFFICE HOURS

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

May 16th-17th; Seventh Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 1:12-14
Reading II: 1 Peter 4:13-16
Gospel: John 17:1-11a

May 23rd-24th; Pentecost Sunday

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
Gospel: John 20:19-23




May 16th-17th; Seventh Sunday of Easter

Saturday 5pm –† Lorraine Stordy
Sunday 9am –† Noel Austin
Sunday 11:15am –† Geoffrey Fitzgerald

May 23rd-24th; Pentecost Sunday


Saturday 5pm –† Deceased McGurty Family Members
Sunday 9am –† Jean Emsley
Sunday 11:15am –† Sandra Ceponis



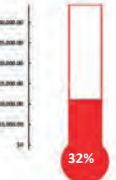

St. Thomas More goal is **\$34,487.97**
As of **May 4th**, we have raised
\$11,196.93

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 **NH Catholic Appeal**, drop it in the basket at the entrances of the Church or place it in the collection basket or go online at www.catholicnh.org/nhca

Our Parish number code is 41830.



Our STM Campus Ministry benefits from the NHCA contributions.
Thank you for your continual support.

OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for May 3rd- **\$6,080.00**

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



200 CLUB

If you are a 200 Club member, your winnings could bloom at our next drawing on May 31st.
Make sure you have a number.
Don't be left out.
There's plenty of time to become a new member or renew your membership before the **May 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

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

Last Week to Register

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 **Wednesday, May 20th**. 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!



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

April showers bring May flowers and the end of the UNH semester which means a number of our volunteers will be leaving. Please think about what amount of time you might be able to give to help fill this gap in the coming months. Your time is especially needed on Thursday afternoons.

On **Saturday, May 9** the Food Pantry received over 800 pounds of food from the Postal Food Drive. Thanks to all who helped with this effort.

In April, the Food Pantry served 447 family members from nine towns!!

Please let me know if you can help on Thursdays ; I can provide the details. Contact me at rasamom3@comcast.net.

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

- Deodorant
- Imitation vanilla extract
- BBQ Sauce

Called to *Serve*
Lectors

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD AS A LECTOR AT MASS?

Please contact the Parish office at 603-868-2666 or contact Roberta MacBride at stmpastoralmin@stmdurham.org
Training will be provided



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 9am & 11:15am. If interested, please contact Ann McGurty at the office at 603-868-2666.
Training will be provided.

THE SPIRIT OF GLORY REST UPON YOU




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



STM SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Many parishioners have asked, how can we help?



We will be purchasing seven thermostats (Google Nest) for the Parish Hall and Student Center.
Each Thermostat costs roughly \$130.00. Please call Patrick Murphy at 603-512-5823 for more details and model if you would like to contribute.

Piano Concert

by Lucas Nering

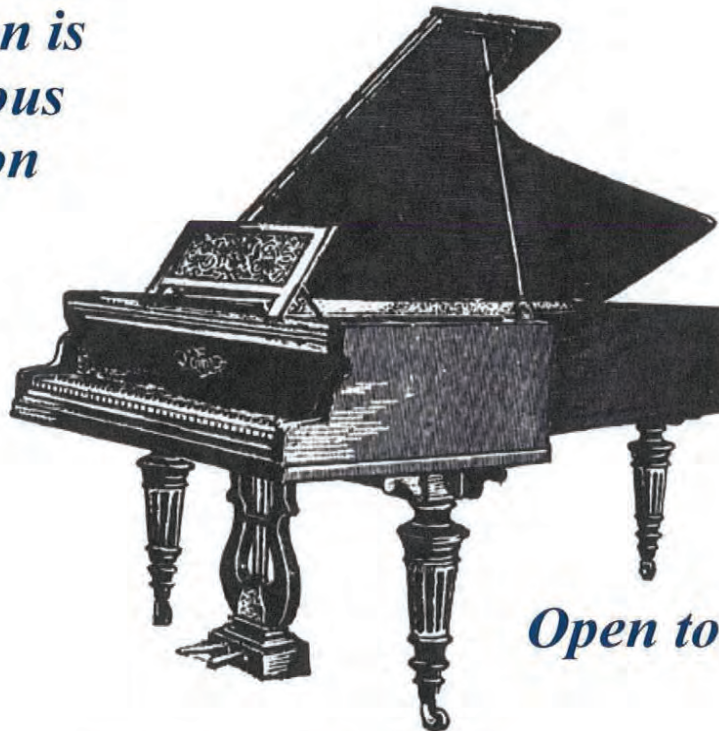
Friday, May 22, 2026

6:00pm

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Gospel Today | The Ascension of the Lord | Mt 28:16-20

Following the Resurrection, and before Jesus' Ascension into Heaven, He met with His eleven disciples on the mountain in Galilee. There, Jesus commissioned (gave permission to) His disciples to go out and teach The Commandments and baptize the new followers, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

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"And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

-Mt 28:20



BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.

- Great Commission
- Eleven Disciples
- Galilee Mountain
- Jesus Told
- Worshiped
- Doubted Authority
- Heaven Earth
- Given Therefore
- Make Nations
- Baptizing Name
- Father Son
- Holy Spirit
- Teaching Obey
- Everything Commanded
- Always With You
- End Age

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