

CHRIST IS RISEN!

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March 31, 2024
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Risen Lord:

"Alleluia" is the anthem of an Easter people. It means "Praise the Lord." The Resurrection of Jesus, which we celebrate every Sunday of the year, is the chief reason why God is to be praised.

Easter is the greatest day of the year. It is a day of triumph, happiness and rejoicing. Through His resurrection, Jesus Christ guarantees us immortal life and gives us, even now, a share in His own divine life.

Christianity stands or falls on this basis: that Christ has been raised from the dead. This is the great mystery which the Church has pondered over in every age. In His passage from death to life, Jesus Christ is the first of many brothers and sisters. This is what we will celebrate for the next fifty days.

I pray that our Risen Lord will bestow on you that peace and joy which He alone can give.

Your Brother in Christ,

Fr. Andrew



Happy Easter

On behalf of Fr. Andy, Fr. John and STM Staff, we wish you and your Family a blessed Easter.

CHURCH OF SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish & University Ministry
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MASSES & OFFICE HOURS

WEEKEND MASSES

Easter Vigil-Saturday 8pm
Easter Sunday 9am & 11:15am

WEEKDAY MASS

No 12:10 Mass— Monday April 1st and Tuesday March 2nd
12:10pm Mass— Wednesday

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

Closed Monday April 1st
Tues & Thurs 9-3pm Wed 9-1pm Closed Friday

March 31st; Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,37-43
Reading II: Colossians 3:1-4
Gospel: John 20:1-9

April 6th-7thth; Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35
Reading II: 1 John 5:1-6
Gospel: John 20:19-31



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Saturday 8pm – ✠ Jud Porter
Sunday 9am – Mary Ann Wren (90th Birthday)
Sunday 11:15am– ✠ Pablo Rasilla & Mary Lou Ortega

April 6th-7thth; Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Saturday 5pm – ✠ Msgr. Daniel Lamothe
Sunday 9am – ✠ Evelyn Smick
Sunday 11:15am– ✠ David Fleming

STM Parish Office closed

on Monday, April 1st
and

No 12:10pm Mass
April 1st (Mon) & 2nd (Tue)



Join us for **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on **Friday, April 5th, at 7:00pm**
Come spend some time in the "Real Presence" of our Lord in prayer and reflection.



STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Faith Formation (K-5th grade)

Grades Kindergarten-1st During the 9am Mass—Church Hall
Grades 2 & 3 (Student Center) & Grades 4-5 Church Hall

Next Faith Formation Class April 7th-Classroom

For more information please contact Ann McGurty
stmfaith@comcast.net or call 603 868-2666 X110

Faith Formation Grades K-5th classes

Please contact Ann McGurty for more information
stmfaith@comcast.net or 603-868-2666 EXT #110

Middle School Youth Ministry (Grades 6-8)

Next class Sunday, April 14th from 6:30-8pm in the Church Hall

Please contact Regina Smick-Attisano for more information
stmmsfaith@gmail.com

High School Youth Ministry

High school students, please contact Felicia Sperry for more information on class schedule.

Please contact Felicia Sperry stmHSYM@gmail.com

LIFE— Living In Faith Everyday



Children's Liturgy of the Word

will resume on April 7th at the 9am Mass.



OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for March 17th: **\$6,091.52**

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



MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGN

Our goal is **\$25,000.00**
Please help us reach our goal.
Currently we are at **\$15,370.00**

Our Matching Gift Campaign will be concluding on Monday, April 8th.

We haven't reached our goal yet.
There is still time to donate.

*Thank you to all who have contributed,
your generosity is greatly appreciated!*



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Ed Donnelley

Barbara Farrington

Peter Farrington

Carol Johnston

Dot Meneghin

Susan Whitworth

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



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, April 13 from 9-3pm

We will be having a Spring Clean-Up inside and outside the Church.
Come donate 1-2 hours, we need your help!

Signup and more information will follow after Easter.



"The Lord is truly risen!" Are you being called to proclaim the truth of the Lord's resurrection as a priest, religious sister or brother? Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Matt Mason, the Vocations Director at 603-663-0196 or mmason@rcbm.org.



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

Thank you for your continual support of our St. Thomas More Food Pantry.

We are always in need of food items, monetary donations and volunteers, however, we are blessed to be in the parish of St. Thomas More and the larger communities of Durham, Lee and Madbury.

As we are officially into the season of spring, our volunteers deserve a much-needed Spring Break and looking forward to summer when we will lose the UNH students' assistance, we will be in need of more volunteers. Please contact Regina Smick-Attisano at rasamom3@comcast.net to explore how you can make a difference.

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

- Shampoo
- Paper towels
- Cupcake liners



Easter Memorial Flowers

MEMORIALS FOR DECEASED LOVED ONES

Murphy & Goudeau Family	Dee Ann Unrein
Jane & Clayton Douville	Michael & Bette Jablonski
Michael Jablonski, Jr.	Jud & Carolyn Porter
Mark & Jean Kwasnik	William & Pauline Michalski
Deceased Members of the Slavin and Clifford Families	

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

Honor or remember loved ones with a donation for Palms/Easter Flowers. Envelopes are available on the church window sills and all entrances. Names will be posted in the bulletin.



Collection Counters Needed

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We are looking for individuals who can assist with counting the Parish Weekend Collections. You would be part of a team, which rotates once or twice a

month. Counting is done on Monday mornings (Tuesday mornings, if Monday is a holiday).

Please contact Ann McGurty for more information
Office-603-868-2666

Email-stmdurham@comcast.net



Become a 2024 Totus Tuus Missionary!

The Diocese of Manchester is seeking committed Catholic College Students, preferably sophomores or juniors, to serve as Totus Tuus Missionaries this summer. The commitment is from June 5 to August 2, 2024. The first ten days are dedicated to rigorous training to present the Totus Tuus Catholic curriculum, along with prayer, games, song, and witness to elementary age students and high school students in a team setting. Immediately following the training, missionaries from the Diocese of Manchester will travel to the first of six parishes to impart the week-long program. Missionaries will have the week of July 4 off. Room and board are provided by each parish, and a stipend is provided by the diocese.

For the complete job description and online application, please go to: <https://www.catholicnh.org/parishes/formation/parish-faith-formation/totustuus/>

When applying, please check the box next to NH: Diocese of Manchester as the diocese to which you would like to apply.

For questions and more information, please contact Gloria Zapiain, Cabinet Secretary for Catholic Formation, at gzapiain@rcbm.org or 603-669-0159.

Please prayerfully consider this unique opportunity to serve your faith and community.

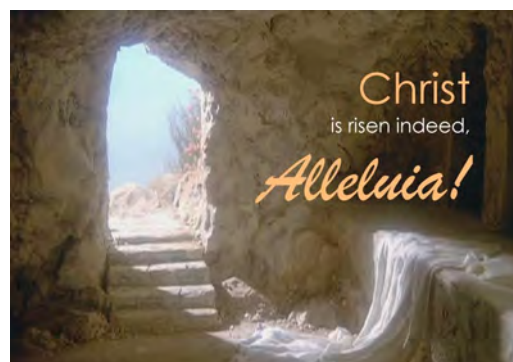


ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Bishop Libasci invites couples celebrating 5, 10, 25, 50, and 60+ years of marriage in 2024 to attend a Mass in celebration of significant wedding anniversaries. The Mass will be held on **Sunday, May 5th, at 2:00 p.m. at Saint Joseph Cathedral, Manchester.** To register, please contact your parish office (603-868-2666) by **April 12, 2024.**

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 the indicated anniversary years, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at the Cathedral this spring!





CALENDAR OF EVENTS



April 1st-April 7th

April 1– Board Meeting. 6pm. Student Center.

April 2– Women’s Group. 6pm. Student Center

Men’s Group. 6pm. Lighthouse.

April 3rd– CSO Meeting. 7pm. MUB 338.

April 4th– CSO Social TBD

April 5th– Adoration, 7pm, STM

UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Sunday, April 7th	5pm
Sunday, April 14th	5pm
Sunday, April 21st	5pm
Sunday, April 28th	5pm

Home Cooked Meal to Follow All Student Masses!

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ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!**

DID YOU KNOW?

During Easter, some parishes have started celebrating the stations of the **RESURRECTION**, or Via Lucis (Way of Light), as a companion to the traditional Stations of the Cross (Via Crucis) of Lent.



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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 5th–Vincent Ferrer (d.

1419). Dominican known for many austerities. Served the French claimant to the Papal throne during the Great Schism. Fought to restore unity under the Church under one Pope.



UNH Catholic Student Organization News for Spring 2024 Students

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

Derick Alexandre—unhstm@gmail.com or
Tyler Johnson—tyler.johnson@unh.edu

Stay tuned for more exciting events happening this semester.

Hope to see you at the next meeting
April 3rd at 7:00pm at the MUB 338/340

Sunday Mass
April 7th at 5pm

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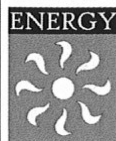
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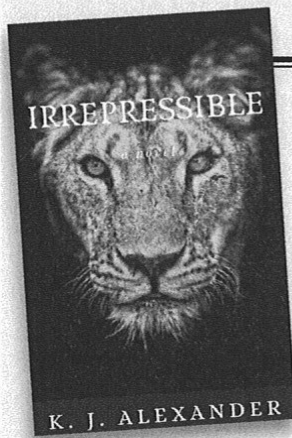
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another foster kid.
To them, she's the
queen who will
save them all.

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