

HE HAS RISEN!

MARK 16:6



Rejoice

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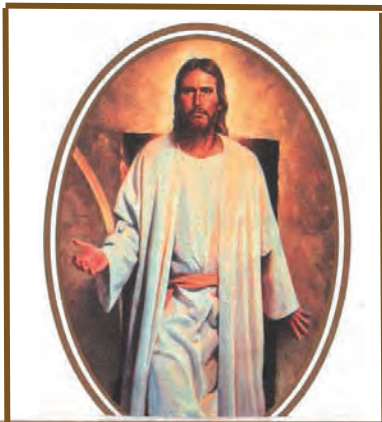
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April 20, 2025 Easter Sunday

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.*



~ He is Risen ~

*We often reflect on the shortness of life.
We soon find ourselves middle-aged, and after
a few more years, "old". The poet, Virgil, who
lived in Rome about the same time as Jesus
lived in Palestine, speaks of the lacrimae
rerum, the tears in all things that make up life.
All things change, come to an end, and die.*

*To all appearances on Good Friday, the
life of Jesus was over: it had ended in the
desolation and the silence of the tomb.*

*But "Christ is Risen!" For us this means
that the grave is not the end; on the contrary,
it is the beginning: human history has now
entered another dimension, a divine eternal
dimension. We shall all be changed; we shall
rise again.*

*The Easter mystery is the reason for the
existence of Christianity.*

*Happy Easter,
Father Andrew*

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MASSES & OFFICE HOURS

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8pm (4/19)

Sunday 9am, 11:15am **No 5pm Student Mass (4/20)**

WEEKDAY MASS

No 12:10 Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

OFFICE HOURS

**Office is Closed Monday, April 21st
Tues, & Thurs 9-3pm & Wed 9-1pm Closed Fri**

April 20th; 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 26th-27th; Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Reading I: Acts 5:12-16

Reading II: Revelations 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Gospel: John 20:19-31



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Saturday 8pm – ✠ STM Catechumens and Candidates

Sunday 9am – ✠ Brenda Whipple

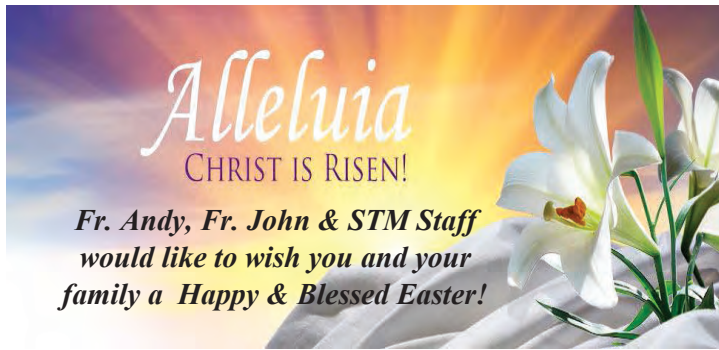
Sunday 11:15am – ✠ Pablo Garcia de la Rosilla &
Maria Luz Ortega

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Saturday 5pm – ✠ Francis, Elaine, Patrick &
Michael McGurty

Sunday 9am – ✠ Lorie Cryans Fields

Sunday 11:15am – ✠ Kevin Manley



HOLY SATURDAY "EASTER VIGIL"

April 19, 8pm

*Alleluia! New Paschal Candle and Easter Water
Reception of OCIA Catechumens*



EASTER SUNDAY

"RESURRECTION of the LORD"

April 20th, 9am & 11:15am



The Parish Office will be closed
Monday, April 21st.
Have a joyous Easter!



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Noel Austin Ed Donnelly Barbara Farrington
Peter Farrington Dot Meneghin Jody Newman

For all our homebound and residents of our local nursing



2025 MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGN

Our goal was **\$20,000.00**
We raised a total of **\$ 19,299.00**

Thank you for your generosity!



STM Food Pantry Update

During the month of March, we served 326 patrons from our surrounding towns. All our volunteers have been wonderful this year. Soon our UNH student volunteers will be heading for their summer adventures. If your late spring and/or summer plans are flexible, please consider adding some volunteer time to your week.

If you want to join our team, contact Regina Smick-Attisano at rasamom3@comcast.net.

At the pantry this week, we have a need for:

- Toothpaste
- Dish liquid
- Laundry detergent



200 CLUB

If you are a 200 Club member, you could be showered with winnings at our next drawing on April 27th

Both enrollment and renewal are easy. There's plenty of time to become a new member or renew your membership.

Subscription options are for 3, 6 or 12 months, at a cost of \$50, \$100 or \$200 respectively.

New/renewal enrollment forms are available at the church entrances. Or 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

You have made a difference!!



Thank you for all who helped with Spring Clean-up at the Church/Center last weekend.

We couldn't have done it without you!



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John & Cathy Coropolis
"Jabby" & Bette Jablonski
Chuck Longchamps



Thank you to our Liturgical Environment Team, led by Jeanne Clark, and many faithful workers whose time and talent transformed our Worship space deeper into the mysteries and celebrations of Holy Week. If you are interested in joining this meaningful Ministry contact Roberta MacBride at

stmpastoralmin@comcast.net

We wish you and your loved ones a Blessed Easter Season!





THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 21 Octave of Easter

The octave of Easter is the eight days from Easter Sunday to the Second Sunday of Easter (also called the Sunday of Divine Mercy). This prolonged joyous celebration is an opportunity to immerse ourselves more deeply into the mystery of Christ's resurrection. Every evening this week, spend time praying in gratitude for Christ's victory over death. *Today's readings: Acts 2:14, 22–33; Psalm 16:1–2a and 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11; Matthew 28:8–15.*

Tuesday, April 22 See the Lord

Despite being close friends, Mary Magdalene weeps and does not recognize the risen Christ until he exclaims her name. Sometimes Jesus is right in front of us, but our despair blinds us. This evening, prayerfully reflect on your day. Where did you recognize God in front of you? When were you distracted and unable to see God? Say a prayer in gratitude for God's presence in your life and ask for the strength to see the Lord tomorrow. *Today's readings: Acts 2:36–41; Psalm 33:4–5, 18–19, 20 and 22; John 20:11–18.*

Wednesday, April 23 On the Road Together

Jesus approaches two of his disciples on their way to Emmaus. They do not recognize him until after he unpacks Scripture and blesses the bread, breaks it, and gives it to them. Their eyes are opened, and they finally see the Lord, realizing that they had walked with him. Invite someone to pray with you today, perhaps a family member or a close friend. Together, read today's Gospel passage and share what stands out to you. Reflect on how Jesus was present to both of you today. *Today's readings: Acts 3:1–10; Psalm 105:1–2, 3–4, 6–7, 8–9; Luke 24:13–35.*

Thursday, April 24 Questions

The disciples are startled and terrified when Jesus appears, saying to them, "Peace be with you." They are troubled and questions arise in their hearts. Those questions, and the questions that arise in our hearts, are not necessarily bad. Such queries are problematic only when we allow doubts and fears to blind us from seeing God. When questions arise in your heart, do you bring them to your prayer? How can you invite God into your questions about the resurrection? *Today's readings: Acts 3:11–26; Psalm 8:2ab and 5, 6–7, 8–9; Luke 24:35–48.*

Friday, April 25 Christ the Cornerstone

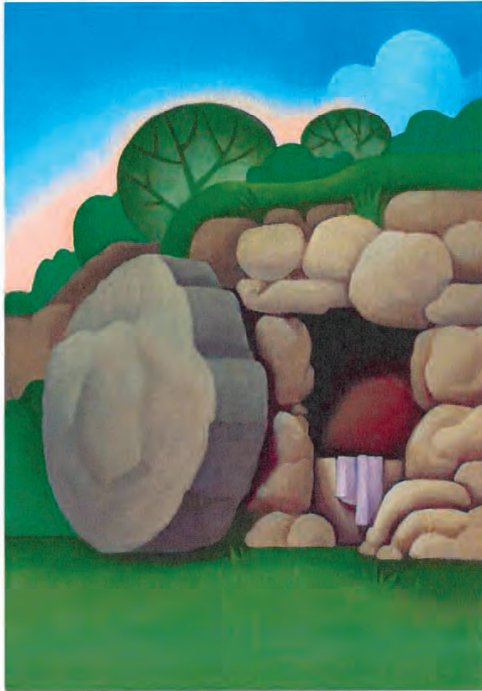
A cornerstone is a stone that joins two walls by forming the base of a corner of a building. It is typically the first stone set during construction, laying the foundation of a building. We hear Peter describe Jesus as the cornerstone. During your day-to-day routines, do you recognize Jesus as the foundation of your life? How can you make prayer, conversations with Jesus, a more regular part of your days? *Today's readings: Acts 4:1–12; Psalm 118:1–2 and 4, 22–24, 25–27a; John 21:1–14.*

Saturday, April 26 Praising God

Despite being threatened for teaching in Jesus' name, Peter and John say, "It is impossible for us not to speak about what we have seen and heard." The joy of the resurrection inspired them to reorient their lives so they could preach the Good News. Consider how the joy of God's forgiveness and the promise of life after death inspires you. How can you share this joy with those around you? *Today's readings: Acts 4:13–21; Psalm 118:1 and 14–15ab, 16–18, 19–21; Mark 16:9–15.*



EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



New Life

God our Savior,
you have defeated death,
reigning immortal!
Through your resurrection,
you give us the gift of new life.
In gratitude, we praise you.
Embolden us to seek you.
Grant us the strength
to believe and to spread the news
of our salvation!
Who live and reign with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday, April 20, 2025
See the Stone Removed



Today's readings: Acts 10:34a, 37–43; Psalm 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23; Colossians 3:1–4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b–8; John 20:1–9. As a faith community, we have journeyed with Jesus through his passion. Imagine, however, living in Jesus' time and witnessing the traumatic event unfold. Imagine watching as Jesus is humiliated, mocked, tortured, and brutally killed in front of a large crowd. Mary and the disciples stood with him as he endured unimaginable pain and suffering, watching as their hopes in what Jesus had preached disappear.

On the first day of the week, after the Sabbath, Mary of Magdala goes to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body. Upon seeing the stone removed, she runs to the disciples. Two

disciples run to the tomb; imagine their hearts racing, still mourning and confused. They reach the tomb and see the burial cloths and the cloth for Jesus' face rolled up separately. Imagine their surprise! The beloved disciple "saw and believed," but "they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead."

On this most glorious day, step into the experience of Mary, Peter, and the beloved disciple. Run to the tomb, see that the stone is removed, and peek in. Look at Jesus' burial cloths and allow yourself to rejoice! Feel hope in new life! What does this Easter season hold for you? How can you live into the hope of resurrection of the Lord?

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