

# CHRIST IS RISEN!

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**April 5, 2026**  
**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.*

***Symbols of Easter***

*Easter symbols are all about life. The lilies that bloom radiate living beauty. Easter eggs symbolize the life that breaks out of the tomb. The Easter candle burns brightly as a sign that light conquers darkness, a light that brings life to all. Water is needed by every living thing. Even secular symbols like rabbits point to abundant life-recall. For example the phrase, "they multiply like rabbits," is used to describe a great proliferation of life.*



*The Cross that graces so many Easter cards as well as the Easter candle itself, also remind you that Easter is about death and transformation. That transformation is seen in the way symbols of life have within themselves the power of death. The lily gives up its bloom and the plant dies back retreating into the bulb that nourished it. The egg pours out its life and the shell is left behind. The fire that is contained in the Easter Candle can just as easily roar into a refining conflagration. Water, which all life needs, can also destroy. And the Cross at its inception was an instrument of death and hardly a symbol of life.*

*This is the saving and spiritual truth of the Easter message. Namely, life comes at a price, and eternal life at the costliest price of all: the death of God's only-begotten Son. Jesus' death brings life to all. It is so radically transformative that even the very instrument of His death is praised and venerated as the ultimate sign of life, a new and everlasting life with the Lord.*



Easter Peace,  
Fr. Andrew

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**MASSES & OFFICE HOURS**

**WEEKEND MASSES**

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

**WEEKDAY MASS**

**No 12:10PM MASS ON MONDAY, APRIL 6TH**  
**12:10pm MASS ON TUES & WED**

**OFFICE HOURS**

**Office Closed Monday April 6th**  
**Tues & Thurs 9-3pm & Wed: 9-1pm & Closed Friday**  
**Food Pantry-Thursdays 4-6pm**

**April 5th; 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 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

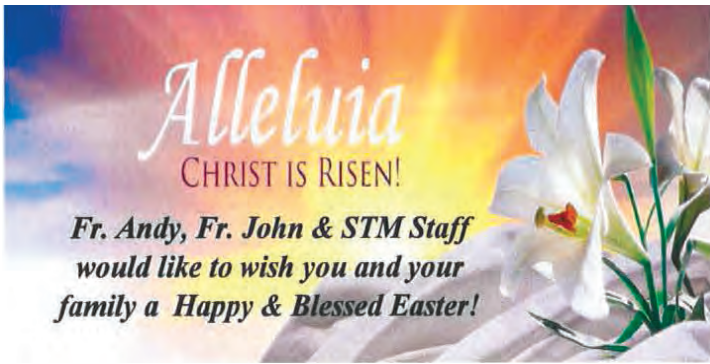


**April 5th; Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

Saturday 8pm –Parishioners of St. Thomas More Parish  
Sunday 9am –† Patricia Silberblatt (1st Anniversary)  
Sunday 11:15am –† Evelyn and Andrew Cryans

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

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

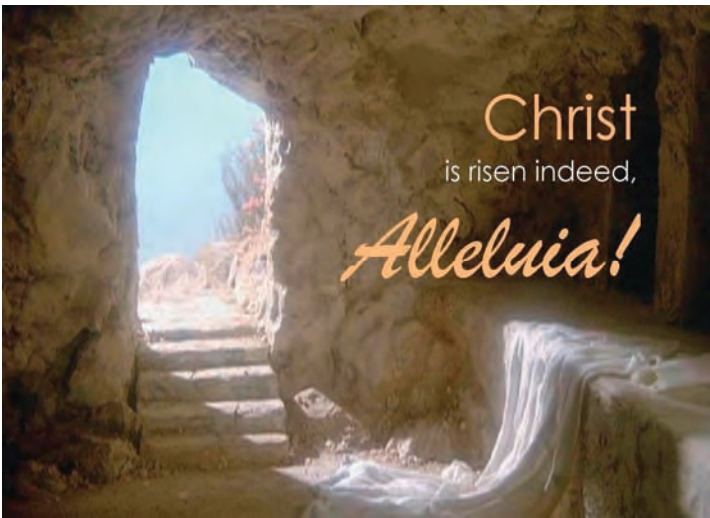


**THE PARISH OFFICE  
WILL BE CLOSED  
EASTER MONDAY**

**April 6, 2026**

*Happy  
Easter*

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**  
Meets on **Tuesday, April 7, 2026**  
at 11:30 in the student center library  
All interested in knitting & crocheting are  
welcome!



**St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update**

As always, we are appreciative of your response to our weekly needs as a Food Pantry. Our patrons would not have the number of choices each week, without your donations. Our biggest need is for food items. Other types of things such as clothing should be given to local thrift stores; clothing can also be dropped off at bins by Oyster River Middle School and Mast Way Elementary School. We, unfortunately, do not have the storage for items other than food.

As always, if you would like to join our team, contact Regina Smick-Attisano at [rasamom3@comcast.net](mailto:rasamom3@comcast.net)

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

- Tissues
- Toothpaste
- Baking spices

**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. Memorial/Deceased names will be posted in bulletin.

**200 CLUB**

*Those end of March winds blew some winnings to...*

*Diane Day  
Linda Blough  
Barbara Porter*

***Congratulations to All***

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](mailto: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!!*

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](mailto:stmpastoralmin@comcast.net)

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

## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

**“Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and he is going to Galilee; there you will see him.’ Behold, I have told you. Then they went quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed.”**

How many selections from the scriptures can be used for our reflection today! The gospel of Matthew and the message to Mary Magdalene is chosen, for she, who perhaps was the first to encounter the Risen Lord, is advised to go to Galilee to see Him. Before going, we find her as the first evangelizer of the good news, to tell the disciples that He is alive and where they could find Him.

Fearful yet overjoyed they ran to announce this to the disciples. As we too are overjoyed with the Easter message, we are sent. ‘He met them on their way and greeted them.’ May we discover the many ways Jesus meets us this special day as He sends us to tell the good news.

### HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON  
THE SUNDAY READINGS



**I am the resurrection and the life.  
The one who believes in me will  
live, even though they die.**

- John 11:25

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## Gospel Today

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord | John 20:1-9

On Easter morning Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and found it empty. She hurried to get Peter and John. Peter entered first, and when John entered he "saw and believed."

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### A-MAZE-ING



Help little chick find the way back to bunny & lamb.



Finish

**CELEBRATE  
NEW LIFE  
THIS EASTER!**



Color the newly hatched chick.

### BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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



Jesus	Y	R	A	M	S	T	O	N	E	A
Early	Y	L	R	A	E	N	O	M	I	S
Stone	J	E	W	G	N	I	N	N	U	R
Tomb	E	C	S	D	E	P	P	A	R	W
Removed	S	N	L	A	J	N	I	I	E	B
Entrance	U	A	O	L	O	L	S	O	M	T
Mary	S	R	V	E	H	E	I	H	O	O
Magdalene	O	T	E	N	N	W	R	N	V	M
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Lord										



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