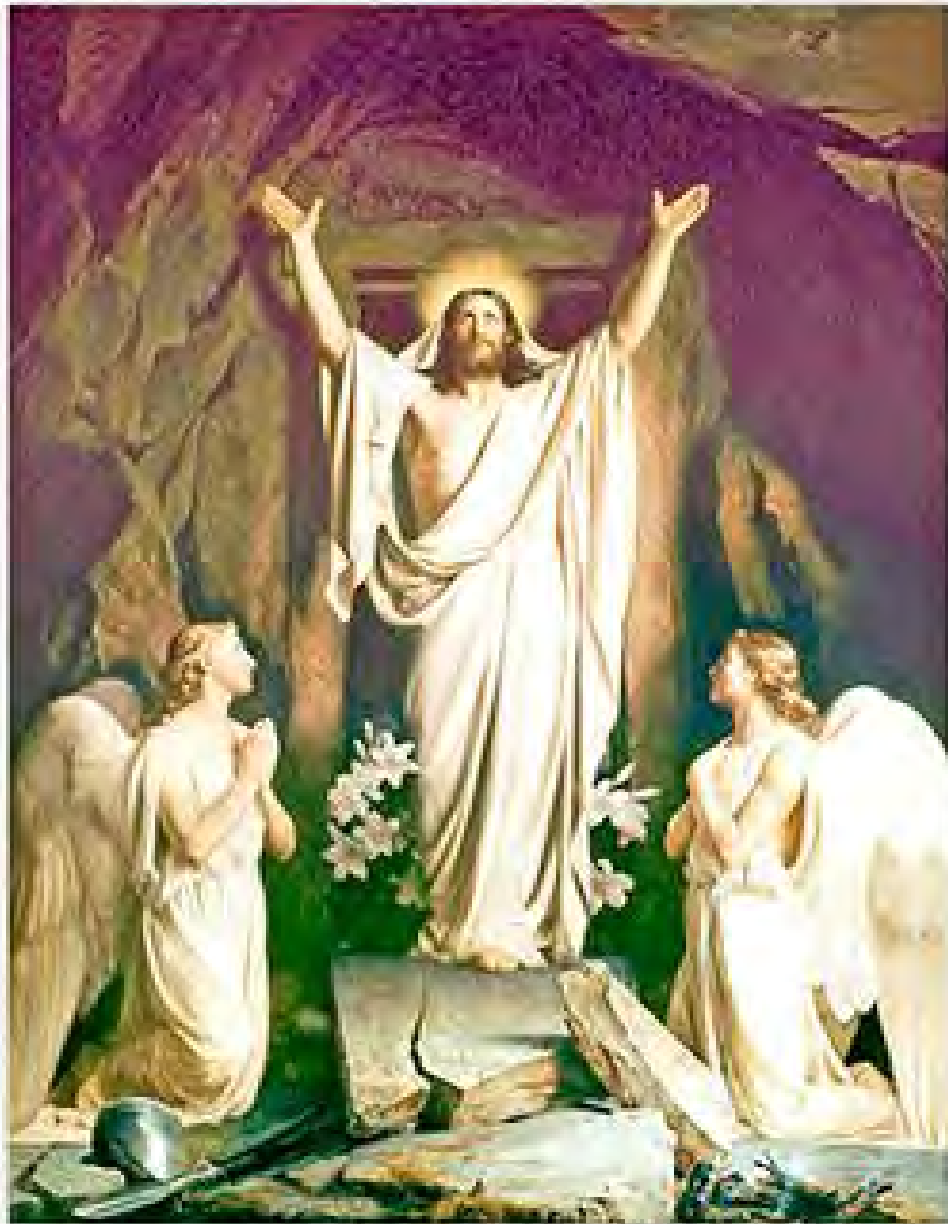


EASTER SUNDAY

OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 9, 2023 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



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April 9, 2023
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.*



Easter

The kindling of a new fire outside the church precedes a procession led by the Christ Candle. The candle images the wounded Christ journeying through the darkness of the night. Then, inside the candlelit church, the Easter Exultet testifies to God's gracious action in history.

T. S. Eliot captures the journeying through the darkness and light in **The Rock**. The chorus states:

"O light invisible, we praise thee! We thank thee for the lights that we have kindled, the light of the altar and of sanctuary; small lights for those who meditate at midnight. And lights directed through colored panes of windows. And lights reflected from the polished stone, the gilded craven wood, the colored fresco..."

And there with us is night no more, but only Light. Light. Light of the Light."

Though death, darkness and evil seek to undermine our faith, they have not extinguished the blinding light of the Easter Event. Easter tells us we need never despair for God brings light out of darkness, victory out of defeat, and resurrection out of death.

Easter reminds us that our story ends as it began, in God.

Your parish staff and I wish you the happiest and holiest Easter.

Fr. Andrew

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A Community of Parish & University Ministry
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MASSES & OFFICE HOURS

Masses for the week of April 10-16

Saturday 5pm
Sunday 9am, 11:15am 5pm UNH Mass

WEEKDAY MASS-IN THE CHURCH

There will be no 12:10pm Mass this week (April 10-12)

OFFICE HOURS

Office closed on Monday April 10th

Tuesday, & Thursday 9-3pm
Wednesday, 9-1pm ([ring doorbell](#))

Closed Friday.

April 8th-9th; Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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

April 15th-16th; Second Sunday of Easter

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



April 8th-9th; Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday

Saturday 8pm Easter Vigil– Brendan Bunnell & Kyle Spratt
Sunday, 9am – Parishioners of St. Thomas More
Sunday, 11:15am – ☩ Neal Murphy

April 15th-16th; Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Saturday 5pm – ☩ Francis, Elaine & Patrick McGurty
Sunday 9am – ☩ John A Rosson
Sunday 11:15 am – ☩ Rita Passeneau



STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Faith Formation-Life Long Discipleship
Next Class-Sunday, April 16 2023 (Last Class).

Middle School Youth Ministry-stmmsfaith@gmail.com
Sunday, April 16th- 6-7:30pm Library

High School Youth Ministry

Please contact Felicia Sperry for more information
stmHSYM@gmail.com

Please contact Ann McGurty at 603-868-2666 or email
stmfaith@comcast.net for more information and Sacrament inquiry.

LIFE- Living In Faith Everyday

STM Parish Office closed

on Monday, April 10th
and

No 12:10pm Mass April
10th, 11th & 12th



OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for March 26th- \$ **4,871.48**

"Give and it shall be given to you." - Luke 6:38

Thank you for your generous contributions.



First Eucharist

**Daniele Marlow will receive his
First Eucharist on Saturday, April
15th. Please keep him in your
prayers.**



FOOD PANTRY

MANY THANKS to all of our Food Pantry volunteers
for their dedication and service to our Community.

There are Many Ways to HELP Food Pantry, for more
information contact Cindy Racic at STMPantry@gmail.com or call
603-781-0945.

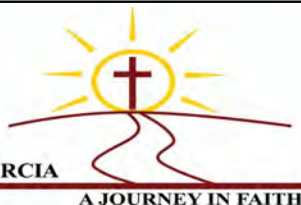
We are grateful to all who have donated to our Food Pantry.
Here are items needed in the pantry:

- * Gravy
- * Broth
- * Chowder

Food donations are always appreciated. Please drop off at the
Student Center between the glass door entrance.



There will be a meeting in the church hall for
anyone interested in learning more about the Food
Pantry or ways to help. I will be stepping down as
the Pantry Coordinator the end of May after 23 years as we will be
moving. We are looking for a new Coordinator or several people to
form a team to run the pantry to fill my position. Please join us on
Monday, April 3rd @ 7:00 PM. If you have any questions,
feel free to reach out to me
at cynth95419@aol.com, STMPantry@gmail.com or call
603-781-0945. Thank you and look forward to seeing new
faces at the meeting.



Our STM Catholic Community
is Blessed this Easter weekend
as our RCIA Catechumen,
Brendan Michael Bunnell, is
Baptized in Christ and joins
Candidate William Kyle Spratt,
already one with us through Baptism, to complete their
Initiation Sacraments with Confirmation and their First
Holy Eucharist - full reception into the Catholic Church.
Welcome Brendan and Kyle to the Catholic faith and to
our Community! We continue to keep you and your
families in our prayer.



Happy Easter

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



**"Christ indeed from death is risen..." Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim
new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, brothers
and sisters. If you think God may be inviting you to such a vocation, contact the
Vocation Office at (603) 663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org**

We need
your help!

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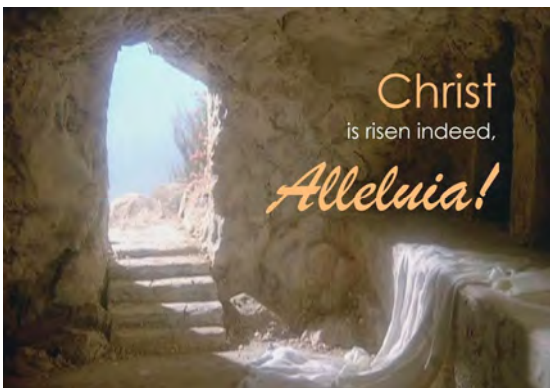
The Parish is looking for someone with the skills needed to help oversee the STM Facebook . If you are interested in helping, please contact Ann McGurty at the Parish Office or call 868-2666.

THANK YOU!



Thank you our Faith Formation families who cleaned the church and to our Liturgical Environment Team, led by Designer 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.



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

The month of April is designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the United States. The Diocese of Manchester provides child safety articles, parent guides, and other helpful information about child protection on its website. For more information, please visit www.catholicnh.org/safety.

SAVE THE DATE! LIFE IN THE SPIRIT WEEKEND!

APRIL 21-22-23

Sponsored by St. Mary Church, Rochester and the Mercy of Jesus Prayer Group.

More information to follow!

Call Claude Landry for more information 603-498-3302



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites couples celebrating 5, 10, 25, 50, and 60+ years of marriage in 2023 to attend a Mass, followed by cake and coffee reception, in celebration of significant wedding anniversaries. The Mass will be held on **Sunday, April 30, at 2:00 pm. with reception to follow, St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester.** To register, please contact your parish office **by April 7, 2023.** 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!

Please call Roberta MacBride at the Parish Office 603-868-2666 to register





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SCHEDULE



- May 10: St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester
- May 11: Our Lady of the Mountains, North Conway
- May 12: St. Anne, Berlin
- May 13-14: North American Martyrs, Colebrook
- May 15: St. Denis, Hanover
- May 16: Parish of the Holy Spirit, Keene

- May 17: St. Martin, Somersworth
- May 18: Immaculate Conception, Nashua
- May 19-20: St. Andre Bessette, Laconia
- May 20: New Hampshire Catholic Expo
Come and see the variety of Catholic organizations, ministries, programs and retailers in New Hampshire!
St. Andre Bessette Parish Laconia

EucharisticRevival@rcbm.org

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Week of April 9th-April 15th

STUDENT EVENTS

Monday:

Board Meeting 5p-Student Center

Tuesday:

Men's Group Bible Study-7pm
(Lighthouse Prayer Room) Women's
Bible Study-8p Zoom

Wednesday: CSO Meeting 7:15pm

MUB 162 Topic: The Search Part 5: "Who is Jesus?"

Thursday: Pantry 2:00-6:00p

UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Sunday April 16th 5pm

Sunday April 23rd 5pm

Sunday April 30th 5pm-FINAL STUDENT MASS

Homecooked meal to follow Student Masses!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

April 19-21:

**Our Focus Missionaries Return!
Keep Your Schedules Open!**

April 29: Spring Retreat

May 6: CSO Formal



April 11-Stanislaus (d. 1079) Bishop of Krakow. Served as a prophetic witness against the evils of the Polish king and populace. Martyred for his outspoken witness to the truth.

April 13-Martin I (d. 655). Martyr Pope for the truth that Christ had two wills. Executed upon the order of the Eastern Emperor.



UNH Catholic Student Organization News for Spring 2023 Students

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

*Derick Alexandre—unhstm@gmail.com or
Blaise O'Mara—blaise.omara@unh.edu*

Stay tuned for more exciting events happening this semester.

*Hope to see you at the next meeting
Wednesday, April 12th at 7:15pm in MUB 162*

Sunday Mass with Supper to Follow

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