

MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, July 16, 2017
Fifteenth Sunday In
Ordinary Time

4:00 PM
7:30 AM
11:00 AM

Gathering: Table of Plenty BB 310

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 100)

*All the earth proclaim the Lord,
sing your praise to God.*

Preparation Parable BB 683

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion: I Am The Bread Of Life BB 364
Seed, Scattered And Sown BB 353

Recessional: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
BB 542

9:00 AM

Gathering: Sing To The Mountains BB 480

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 19)

*Lord, you have the words of
everlasting life.*

Preparation We Have Been Told BB 497

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion: On Eagle's Wings BB 435

Recessional: Canticle Of The Sun BB 424



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✠ PARISH TITHING ✠

Our Parish needs to take in \$7,000.00 each week in order to make ends meet. Thank you for your generosity to our parish! Your weekly contribution helps ensure that the parish remains a vibrant community. Please remember to submit your weekly gift even if you will be away. We depend upon your support!

July 2, 2017

Offertory \$8,328.42
Property Management \$1,900.80

July 9, 2017

Offertory \$7,006.72

PARISH GIVING

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish has engaged *Parish Giving* to provide parishioners with an opportunity to make your offertory and other contributions through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Parish Giving is a simple, secure, and convenient way to manage your stewardship without weekly envelopes and without worries. It allows you to select contribution amounts and special collections right from your own computer or smart phone. You can be a good steward for the Parish even when you are away from the area on a weekend. Parish Giving allows you to print out a report detailing your contributions for the year. This program is available to parishioners at no cost. Log on to the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish website at <http://stlukenh.org>, click on the Parish Giving logo, and follow the easy registration instructions.

UPCOMING SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

July 16, 2017 Fuel
July 23, 2017 Parish to Parish Support
July 30, 2017 No Second Collection

ST. LUKE'S WEBSITE! <http://stlukenh.org>

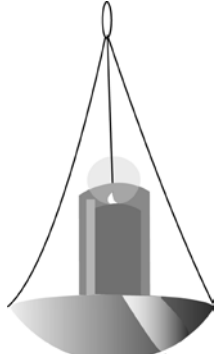
**Suggested Weekly Contribution
Based on Income**

Annual Income	5% Commitment annually/ weekly	3% Commitment annually/ weekly
\$100,000	\$5,000/\$100	\$3,000/\$60
\$75,000	\$3,750/\$75	\$2,250/\$45
\$60,000	\$3,000/\$60	\$1,800/\$36
\$50,000	\$2,500/\$50	\$1,500/\$30
\$40,000	\$2,000/\$40	\$1,200/\$24
\$30,000	\$1,500/\$30	\$900/\$18
\$25,000	\$1,250/\$25	\$750/\$15
\$15,000	\$750/\$15	\$450/\$9

**Suggested Weekly Contribution
Based on a Percentage Increase**

Your Current Offertory Contribution	25% Increase	30% Increase	40% Increase
\$75.00	\$93.75	\$97.50	\$105.00
\$50.00	\$62.50	\$65.00	\$70.00
\$40.00	\$50.00	\$52.00	\$56.00
\$35.00	\$43.75	\$45.50	\$49.00
\$30.00	\$37.50	\$39.00	\$42.00
\$25.00	\$31.25	\$32.50	\$35.00
\$20.00	\$25.00	\$26.00	\$28.00
\$15.00	\$18.75	\$19.50	\$21.00
\$10.00	\$12.50	\$13.00	\$14.00
\$5.00	\$6.25	\$6.50	\$7.00

✠ PARISH NEWS ✠



The Sanctuary Candle in Mary, Mother of the Church will burn this week for the intentions of **The Daniels Family**

The Sanctuary Candle in Holy Angels Church will burn this week in loving memory of **Florence Haddad** requested by Ann Marie Mezquita

Support our **ADVERTISERS** this Summer



We appreciate the gracious support of our bulletin by our Advertisers. Please support them by calling them first. If you have a business and would like to place an ad, please call 1-800-333-3166 ext. 161.

CRAFTERS AND ARTISTS WANTED

If you or someone you know would like to be considered as a vendor for this year's St. Luke the Evangelist Christmas Craft Fair, a second jury period has opened up. Applications are available at <http://stlukenh.org> and **must be received by Monday July 31st**. Don't miss out on participating in this popular and well-attended event! For more information, please contact the Craft Fair at stlukenhfair@gmail.com or call the Parish Office at 603-382-8324.

FOR OUR RECORDS

We need your help to keep our records current. If there are any births, deaths, marriages, moves, or address changes in your family, please notify the parish office by email at jtremlay@stluketheevangelist.net or by calling 603-382-8324. If you are new to our parish, registration forms are available at the entrances of both churches. You can also find a registration form on our website at <http://stlukenh.org>. Thank you.

SANCTUARY CANDLES

The Sanctuary Candles in both Newton and Plaistow may be offered in memory or honor of a loved one.

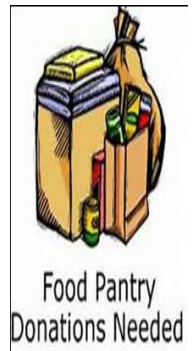
VIGIL LIGHT

The Vigil Light in front of the Blessed Mother Icon in Newton may be also offered in memory or honor of a loved one. The suggested offering for each is \$10.00. Please call the Parish Office at 603-382-8324.



ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST FOOD PANTRY

Food or care items are always needed – donations can be dropped off at Church or are welcome at the Parish Office during regular business hours. Cash donations for food are always welcome – make checks payable to **St. Luke the Evangelist Food Pantry**. All donations to the Food Pantry go toward helping the needy of our communities.



FOOD PANTRY HOURS

Wednesday from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Thursday from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Friday from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

For more information, call the St. Luke Food Pantry at **603-819-4949**.

AMAZON SMILE DONATION

AmazonSmile.com is the same market platform as Amazon.com, but with the added benefit of allowing customers to donate 0.5% of the price of items purchased to a charitable organization. Please register today to start shopping and donating at www.amazonsmile.com. For questions, please call the Parish Office at 603-382-8324. Be sure to choose:

St Luke the Evangelist Parish, Plaistow.

WHILE AWAY THIS SUMMER...

We appreciate all of you who remember to send in your Parish Offertory during the Summer even when on vacation or visiting other parishes. Thank you for remembering that our expenses also continue through the Summer months. We invite others to consider doing the same before or even after you return home.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

✠ **WEEKLY CALENDAR** ✠

Tuesday, July 18

6:00 PM Finance Council Meeting *Plaistow*

Wednesday, July 19

9:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration Begins *Plaistow*
 6:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration Ends *Plaistow*
 7:00 PM Scripture Share - Phillippians *Plaistow*
 7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting *Plaistow*

Thursday, July 20

8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration Begins *Newton*
 1:30 PM Scripture Share - Phillippians *Plaistow*
 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration Ends *Newton*

Saturday, July 22

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

✠ **MASS INTENTIONS** ✠

Saturday, July 15 ~ Vigil / 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

4:00 PM Doreen Daniels by her family
Plaistow

Sunday, July 16 ~ 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

7:30 AM People of the Parish
Newton

9:00 AM Eloise Brush by Jim & Mary Anne Downs
Newton

11:00 AM Sebastian DiSalvo by Thomas & Joyce Rooney
Plaistow

Monday, July 17 ~ Weekday

Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34-11:1

8:00 AM People of the Parish
Newton

Tuesday, July 18 ~ Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Ex 2:1-15a; Mt 11:20-24

8:00 AM Nicholas Rogers by Lucia Guilmette
Plaistow

Wednesday, July 19 ~ Weekday

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27

6:30 PM Frank Tatarka by his wife Sonia and their sons
Plaistow

Thursday, July 20 ~ Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30

8:00 AM People of the Parish
Newton

Friday, July 21 ~ Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Ex 11:10-12:14; Mt 12:1-8

No Mass

Saturday, July 22 ~ Mary Magdalene

Ex 12:37-42; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18 (Day)

Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Intentions of Mary Coltin and Paul & Lucia O'Leary
by Mark & Colleen Hammond
Plaistow

Sunday, July 23 ~ 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

7:30 AM People of the Parish
Newton

9:00 AM Cynthia Lueders by Carole Lueders
Newton

11:00 AM Pat Stone by Pat & Janet Hurley
Plaistow



Out of respect, please remember
to silence or turn off
your cell phones during Mass.
Thank you!

**St. Vincent
de Paul
Society**



Your "Dropped Dollar" Hard At Work

Thank you for your continued support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society! Please know that your "dropped dollars" are being used wisely to help the poor in our area. Your generosity does not go unnoticed.

Drop-a-Dollar in the St. Vincent de Paul box
on your way out of church.

Remember ~ 100% of your donation is used to help those who need a hand up, not a hand out.

Our next meeting on **Wednesday, July 19 at 7:00 PM**. We meet downstairs in the Church Hall in Plaistow. **New members are always welcome!**

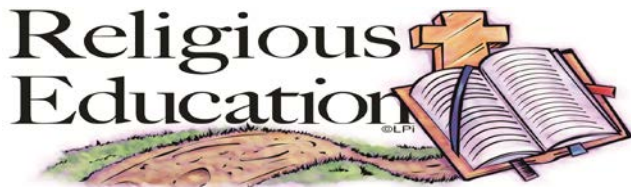
If you seek assistance or need information about the St. Vincent de Paul Society, call 603-382-8324 x315.

**Hear, OH LORD, and answer me
for I am poor and needy.**

PRAYER LINE

St. Luke's offers a prayer line as a resource for those seeking prayer assistance. To submit your prayer request please call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 314 or email her at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

✠ FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION ✠



**ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Religious Education Registration for the 2017-2018 Academic Year for Grades 1 to 10 has begun. If your child is currently enrolled, a registration form has been sent home. If your child is new to the Program, please call Joyce Szczapa in the Religious Education Office at 603-382-8324 for more information.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Are you an adult who has been Baptized and received Eucharist, but has not celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation? The adult Confirmation process is an opportunity to complete the Sacraments of Initiation. If you would like to prepare for Confirmation, or if you have questions, call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305 or email her at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

ADORATION

We are truly blessed to have times for Adoration of Our Lord in our Parish. This time of prayer and intercession is not only a source of great grace for the individual, but it is a great source of grace for us as a parish family, as well.

We have many who have made the commitment to spend an hour each week with our Eucharistic Lord, *but* we need more people so there will be at least two people at each hour. We are also looking for people who would be able to substitute.

Plaistow – Wednesday

9:30 AM – 6:30 PM

Newton – Thursday

8:30 AM – 8:30 PM

If you can commit to one hour a week in Adoration of our Lord, or if you can be a substitute, please contact Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305 or email her at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

GLUTEN INTOLERANT?

The Parish now provides an option for receiving Holy Communion for anyone suffering from gluten intolerance or celiac disease. We have obtained special altar breads that are fully certified for use at Mass by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and laboratory tested to contain only .001% gluten. Please see the Pastor or the Sacristan before Mass about receiving Communion using one of these special hosts.

RCIA

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is the process by which people become members of the Roman Catholic Church. **RCIA** is intended to serve:

- Those not Baptized who would like to learn more about the Catholic religion.
- Those Baptized in another religion who think they might like to become Catholic.
- Those Baptized Catholic but have not been raised in the Faith.

If you or someone you know is interested in inquiring about becoming a member of the Roman Catholic Church, call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305 or email her at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

PARENTS BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION

The monthly preparation session for infant Baptism will be held after the 11:00 AM Liturgy on **Sunday, August 6, 2017** in the Parish Office living room. All parents planning to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism are welcome. Families wishing to celebrate Baptism in the Church must be registered (according to Church Canon Law) and practicing (attending Sunday Mass) for 3 full months before a Baptism can be scheduled. The use of the envelope system is always optional; however, it does guarantee a manner of accountability. For most families, the Pastor or staff can easily verify attendance during these three months. Church Canon Law also regulates baptismal sponsors (godparents). Sponsors must be at least 16, fully initiated (having received Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation), and be practicing Catholics living Christian lives consistent with the Church's teaching. Please see Fr. Albert with questions.

✠ PARISH DIRECTORY ✠

Parish Office	382-8324
Parish Prayer Line	382-8324 x 314
St. Vincent de Paul Society	382-8324 x 315
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✠ Parish News ~ Youth News ~ Around The Diocese ✠

PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH

Please pray for our teens and chaperones who are attending the Steubenville East Youth Conference **this weekend**. St. Luke the Evangelist Parish has sent sixteen teens down to the University of Massachusetts, Lowell Campus! This is an event that is exciting, fun and often life-changing. Please continue to pray for them.



"Behold I make all things new." - Revelation 21:5

WOMEN OF GRACE
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
Hampton, NH

The Women of Grace Foundational Study, FULL OF GRACE: WOMEN AND THE ABUNDANT LIFE, is a dynamic program for Catholic women, encouraging study participants to come to a fuller understanding of their dignity and vocation as daughters of God.

Meetings will take place on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon beginning on **September 20**.

Registration deadline is September 8, 2017. For more information, contact Kathy Allen at 603-957-0048 or kallen77@gmail.com.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is a positive, renewing experience for couples who have a good marriage and want to make it better. Most couples are busy with work and family. It seems like every moment of the day is planned and there's never enough time to get everything done. When was the last time you had a weekend alone together? Consider planning a weekend away to renew your marriage relationship during the weekends of **September 16-17 in Medway, MA** or **October 21-22 in Contoocook, NH**. Contact 1-800-710-WWME to register or visit www.wmema.org.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL REGISTRATION

St. Joseph Regional Catholic School in Salem, NH is accepting registrations for Preschool to Grade 8 students for the 2017-2018 school year. St. Joseph's provides a complete education designed to challenge and motivate students to reach their full potential in mind, spirit, heart, and body. Low student/teacher ratio provides each student a "front row seat to learning." For information, or to schedule a tour, contact Christine at 603-893-6811, ext. 19 or clatino@sjrcs.com. Check out Twitter to see why #welovestjoes!

JESUS ACROSS THE BORDER

Young adult Catholics, ages 18-35, are invited to join the Star of the Sea Parish on **Friday, August 18** at their Beach Chapel for a day at the beach followed by an evening of Adoration, Confession, and Mass. Kyle Erickson of Sing & Shout will lead acoustic worship and Fr. Chris Wallace will celebrate Mass. Adoration, Praise & Worship and Confession begin at 7:30 PM. Mass will begin at 9:00 PM and be followed by a "Beach Pizza" Social. Parking is free and private beach facility access is available all day for JATB participants at 140 North End Blvd., Salisbury. For more information please contact Billy Beauchesne via email at Jesusacrosstheborder@gmail.com.

YOUTH DAY AT CAMP FATIMA

Come celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima on **Sunday, July 30, 2017 from 11:00 AM – 5:30 PM** in Gilmanton Iron Works, NH. Activities for this celebration include but are not limited to the following: worship concert, speakers, prayer, Mass, archery, a climbing wall, rosary, inflatable bounce house, confession and more. Admission is \$5 per person and includes lunch. **Please contact the Camp Fatima office by July 25** so the kitchen staff can prepare enough food. If you have questions or would like to register, please contact Steven Patterson at 603-362-5651 or icky@bfcamp.com.



St. Luke the Evangelist Parish will host this fundraising event on **Saturday, August 19, 2017, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon** at St. Luke's Parish Center, 8 Atkinson Depot Road, Plaistow, NH. This is a great opportunity to find bargains for students heading off to college! All are welcome. Admission is free!

Please plan to volunteer! We need lots of help on Friday, August 18 to accept donations and sort them and on Saturday, August 19 to collect money and to buy some stuff!

Spring Cleaning? Start saving your stuff for the Yard Sale – almost anything will be welcome (BUT PLEASE – NO clothes, electronics, books, broken or dirty items!) Items can be **dropped off on Friday, August 18 from 12:00 NOON to 7:00 PM**. Questions?

Call the Parish Office at 603-382-8324. details.



Bringing Home the Word

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | July 16, 2017

What Will We Yield?

By Mary Katharine Deeley

Like many families, we planted a garden in the back yard to enjoy the flowers and teach our daughters where food comes from. Cucumber seeds, tomatoes, green beans, and carrots went into the soil. We watched for weeds and bugs. There wasn't a lot we could do about the squirrels. And we plucked the few items of produce our claylike soil allowed to grow.

In the process, I discovered two things. I don't have the patience or passion for gardening that some of my friends do, and I have the utmost respect for those who tend the fields and flocks that supply our food. Every seed they plant expresses their hope in harvest. The farmer rejoices in what happens when seed, earth, and water come together.

So it is with God, who plants *us* on this earth and fills us with his word. We are God's expression of hope for the world. We are the ones through whom God can show forth his love to all. But today's parable in the Book of Matthew makes it clear that whatever ground is in our hearts and souls strongly affects the outcome.

If we are open, ready, and waiting, we will show forth the rich harvest of God's grace and righteousness. If our hearts are rocky or thorny, the yield will be like the handful of beans in my back yard, or it may be nothing and the world will not know God through us.

But we are fortunate. God is a far more patient gardener than I was and will continue to work the soil of our hearts and minds so that when we are planted, we may give a hundred times over the love that God has shown in planting us. †

A Word From Pope Francis

Saint Francis...invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness. "Through the greatness and the beauty of creatures one comes to know by analogy their maker" (*Wisdom* 13:5)...For this reason, Francis asked that part of the friary garden always be left untouched so that wild flowers and herbs could grow there and those who saw them could raise their minds to God, the Creator of such beauty....The world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise.

—*Laudato Si'*,
May 24, 2015



Sunday Readings

Isaiah 55:10–11

My word...shall not return to me empty, but shall do what pleases me, achieving the end for which I sent it.

Romans 8:18–23

We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now....We also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption.

Matthew 13:1–23

[Jesus said,] "But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- How often do I spend time outdoors enjoying nature?
- What messages from God can I find in the natural world today?



The Sharp Compassion of Jesus

By Bishop Robert F. Morneau

“Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division” (Luke 12:51).

Why did Jesus come to earth?

What was his mission? Was he sent for unity or division, for life or death, for love or hate?

The answer is quite clear: Jesus came that we might have life in great abundance (John 10:10). But there is a deep, universal paradox here. In Luke’s Gospel, it would appear that division, not peace, is Jesus’ real mission.

We need to ponder and to pray over this paradox. The poet T.S. Eliot provides an insight: “Beneath the bleeding hands we feel/The sharp compassion of the healer’s art.” The surgeon cuts away the cancer, a bloody “divisive” act, indeed. Yet the motive is not to inflict pain. Rather, it is to bring healing. No false tenderness allows the healer to withhold the knife; no good parent avoids disciplining his or her child. To bring health and peace, pain is sometimes needed.

So Jesus causes “division” wherever there is an unhealthy, unholy union. Out of compassion and love, the Lord separates us from everything that keeps us from the love of the Father. This may appear cruel, but it is in fact a great act of divine kindness. Shakespeare’s Hamlet addresses his mother, the queen, in these words: “I must be cruel only to be kind.”

“Graced” Division

Pope St. John XXIII spoke often about peace, the peace that is the kingdom of God. In his encyclical Peace on Earth (*Pacem in Terris*), he maintains that peace demands four elements: truth, freedom, charity, and justice. Jesus came to inaugurate that kingdom; he came to express truth, to incarnate love, to foster freedom, and to promote justice. In this mission there would be much “division,” since people often opted for untruth and indifference, slavery and injustice.

Each of us must distinguish graced division from divisions that are simply destructive. The surgeon’s knife separates a diseased organ or a tumor from the body—a moment of grace. The slave trader separates children from their parents—a horrendous sin. Moses placed before his people a choice of life or death (Deuteronomy 30:19). We are given the same choice: to be agents of life and peace or instruments of death and chaos.

Just before Communion we pray, “Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles, Peace I leave you, my peace I give you.” So when we read, “Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division,” we know that Jesus is making reference to what is called a false peace, one in which relationships are not harmonious. Jesus will have nothing to do with such unions—he will split them apart out of love and for the sake of truth.

The Big Peace

The human condition requires choices that sometimes cause division and pain. We need but note the mission work of the following Christians: Alan Paton, in his opposition to apartheid in South Africa; Dietrich Bonhoeffer, in his involvement in a plot to assassinate Hitler; Martin Luther King, Jr., in his ministry to secure human rights; Thomas Merton, in his stand against nuclear war; Dorothy Day, who fought against the status quo that kept so many in radical poverty. All of them came to bring “division,” not peace. These disciples of Christ fought for the big “peace”: the kingdom of God.

Those great people showed us that God’s word is a two-edged sword. And we can be like them. It is a good spiritual exercise for all of us to write out our mission statement. What has God called us to be and to do? Why have we come to this earth? Surely a major task we have all been given is to bring peace, right relationships. We can, with God’s help. †



Lord Jesus, you completed God’s work on earth. Help me know and accomplish God’s will.

From *Faithful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time*
Rev. Warren J. Savage and
Mary Ann McSweeney

WEEKDAY READINGS

July 17–22

Mon. Weekday:
Ex 1:8–14, 22 / Mt 10:34–11:1
Tue. Weekday:
Ex 2:1–15a / Mt 11:20–24
Wed. Weekday:
Ex 3:1–6, 9–12 / Mt 11:25–27

Thu. Weekday:
Ex 3:13–20 / Mt 11:28–30
Fri. Weekday:
Ex 11:10–12:14 / Mt 12:1–8
Sat. St. Mary Magdalene: Sg 3:1–4b or
2 Cor 5:14–17 / Jn 20:1–2, 11–18