

MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, August 6, 2017 The Transfiguration of the Lord

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

Gathering: All Creatures Of Our God And King BB 536 Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 97) The Lord is King; the Lord is King, the most high over all the earth!

Preparation	I Have Loved You BB 608
Mass Parts	Mass of Creation
Communion:	At The Name Of Jesus BB 722 I Am The Living Bread BB 356
Recessional:	Be Thou My Vision BB 394

9:00 AM

Gathering: Glory And Praise To Our God BB 545

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 98)

All the ends of the earth, have seen the power of God. (2x)

Preparation	I Have Loved You BB 608
Mass Parts	Mass of Creation
Communion:	Bread Blessed And Broken BB 326
Recessional:	Sing A Joyful Song BB 537



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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	

✤ 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!

<u>July 30, 2017</u>

Offertory

\$7,186.42

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

August 6, 2017	Property Management
August 13, 2017	NH Missionaries
August 15, 2017	Assumption of Mary
August 20, 3017	Fuel
August 27, 2017	Missionary Co-op
September 3, 2017	Property Management

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

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	\$18.70	\$19.50	\$21.00		
\$10.00	\$12.50	\$13.00	\$14.00		
\$5.00	\$6.25	\$6.50	\$7.00		

CATECHISTS NEEDED

Our Religious Education Program is in need of catechists for Sunday mornings. If you can help, please email Joyce at <u>iszczapa@stluketheevangelist.net</u>. Training will be provided.

ALTAR SERVERS, LECTORS, AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

You will soon be making decisions about the Mass you wish to attend beginning in September. Jeanne Sullivan will need to know at which Mass you want to serve in order to create the new lists and the schedules.

Effective September 2-3, 2017, the new Liturgical schedule is Saturday, 4 P.M. at Plaistow; Sunday, 8 A.M., at Newton; and Sunday, 10 A.M., at Plaistow.

Remember that beginning on September 17, Religious Education for preschool through grade 8 happens as part of the 10 AM Mass. Father Albert has already indicated that Altar Servers scheduled at the 10 AM Mass will not be dismissed for their Religious Education session on that day.

Change is hard for everyone; so Jeanne will do the schedules for only one month at a time, although she asks for your availabilities for three months, just in case your first choice doesn't work out and you want to switch to a different Mass. We can do this through the end of the year, allowing you ample time to make a final (as if anything is final!) decision. We hope this makes things easier for you.

If you would let **Jeanne Sullivan** know of your Mass decision as soon as you can, then she'll be able to create the new lists.

And, if you let her know of your preferences for times off (or special time requests to serve) for the months of September through November, we won't have to pester you again for that information. Please remember it is always important to have all family members who do minister scheduled at the same Liturgy.

Please contact **Jeanne Sullivan** at <u>imsul@myfairpoint.net</u> or leave a phone message at 603-382-4760.

We are so very grateful for all that you do, and for helping us make this a smooth transition for everyone. You are indeed a blessing for St. Luke's.

NEW MASS SCHEDULE

Beginning **September 2-3, 2017**, our weekend Liturgy schedule is changing. Our new schedule will be:

4:00 PM 8:00 AM 10:00 AM Saturday - Plaistow Sunday – Newton Sunday – Plaistow

Please note that our daily Liturgy schedule will remain the same.



We welcome into our faith community Hunter James MacNeill

who recently received the Sacrament of Baptism.

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 <u>www.amazonsmile.com</u>. For questions, please call the Parish Office at 603-382-8324. Be sure to choose:

St Luke the Evangelist Parish, Plaistow.

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 Donations Needed

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**.

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.

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

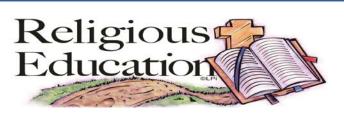
12:00 PM	<u>Sunday, August 6</u> Baptism Catechesis	Plaistow	Saturday, August 5 ~ Vigil / Transfiguration of the Lord Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9
	Monday, August 7		4:00 PM Roxanne Papken by Jim Edwards <i>Plaistow</i>
7:00 PM	Knights of Columbus	Plaistow	Sunday, August 6 ~ Transfiguration of the Lord Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9
9:30 AM	Wednesday, August 9 Eucharistic Adoration Begins	Plaistow	7:30 AM Rita St. Germain by Jeannette and Roger Clark <i>Newton</i>
	Eucharistic Adoration Ends	Plaistow	9:00 AM Edo Crescentini by Jim and Mary Anne Downs
7:00 PM	Scripture Share - Phillippians	Plaistow	Newton 11:00 AM Martin & Florence Fogel and Frank Kelcourse
	<u>Thursday, August 10</u>		by Elaine Kelcourse Plaistow
8:30 AM	Eucharistic Adoration Begins	Newton	FIAISLOW
1:30 PM	Scripture Share - Phillippians	Plaistow	Monday, August 7 ~ Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions,
8:30 PM	Eucharistic Adoration Ends	Newton	<u>Martyrs; Cajetan, Priest</u> Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21
	<u>Saturday, August 5</u>		8:00 AM Richard Sullivan by Jeanne Sullivan Newton
3:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Plaistow	
			Tuesday, August 8 ~ Dominic, Priest
	Out of respect, please	remember	<i>Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14</i> 8:00 AM Jack Thornton by Mary and Bob Lonergan
PLEASE 🧉 G	to silence or turn		Plaistow
TURN 📳 🖡	your cell phones duri	ng Mass.	
OFF 👗	Thank you!		Wednesday, August 9 ~ Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr
			Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Mt 15:21-28
			6:30 PM Marie & Denis Pelletier by George Pelletier
Ct	Vincent 🔊	\sim	Plaistow
	. Vincent		Thursday, August 10 ~ Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
	JE Faul		2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26
	Society		8:00 AM For Michael and his recovery Newton
			Newton
			Friday, August 11 ~ Clare, Virgin
	our "Dropped Dollar" Hard At W		Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28 No Mass
Thank you for your continued support of the St.			NO Mass
Vincent de Paul Society! Please know that your "dropped dollars" are being used wisely to help the			Saturday, August 12 ~ Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
	our area. Your generosity do		Dt 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20 (Day)
unnoticed	0,	ee net ge	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33 (Vigil) 4:00 PM Stanley Plonowski by Pat Zakiewicz
Drop	o-a-Dollar in the St. Vincent de Pa	ul box	Plaistow
on your way out of church.			Sunday, August 13 ~ 19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	ber ~ 100% of your donation is us		1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33
	se who need a hand up, not a han		7:30 AM George Moulaison by his wife, Tess <i>Newton</i>
	t meeting on Wednesday, Aug		9:00 AM George Moulaison by his Pastor Newton
	We meet downstairs in the Chu		11:00 AM Brian Abraham (5 th Anniversary)
Fiaistow.	New members are always well	Jome!	by his family
If you seek assistance or need information about the		about the	Plaistow
-	St. Vincent de Paul Society,		
call 603-382-8324 x315.			PRAYER LINE

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

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.

AUGUST 6, 2017

▼ 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.



ASSUMPTION OF MARY

On Tuesday, August 15 we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, a holy day of obligation. Liturgies for the Assumption will be celebrated in Plaistow at 6:30 PM on Monday, August 14 and in Newton at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, August 15. Please note that there is NO 8:00 AM Liturgy in Newton on Monday and NO 8:00 AM Liturgy in Plaistow on Tuesday.

<u>RCIA</u>

The <u>**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**</u> 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 <u>csmith@stluketheevangelist.net</u>.

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 Parish Prayer Line St. Vincent de Paul Society St. Luke's Food Pantry Preschool Presentation of Mary Convent 382-8324 382-8324 x 314 382-8324 x 315 819-4949 382-9783 382-2744 Fr. Albert Tremblay Cathy Smith Joyce Szczapa Jackie Tremblay Thomas Kondel Val Barczak Robin Thompson Parish Council fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net csmith@stluketheevangelist.net jszczapa@stluketheevangelist.net jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net tkondel@stluketheevangelist.net mvmbarczak@comcast.net rthompson@stluketheevangelist.net parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

The Sanctuary Candle in Mary, Mother of the Church will burn this week in loving memory of **Julito Intervalo** requested by Tess Moulaison

21st ST. CHARLES 5k ROAD RACE Labor Day Monday, September 4, 2017 9:00 AM – Pease Tradeport, Portsmouth, NH

> Register at: <u>www.runningnuns.com</u> Pre-registration 13 and over - \$20 Same day registration - \$30 12 and under always \$10

For more information, contact Jennifer Gilbert at 603-332-4768 or jgilbert@stcharleshome.net

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.

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!



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 for details.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples who are celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th or beyond Wedding Anniversary anytime during the year 2017 to attend a Special Anniversary Mass. This celebration will be held on **October 15, 2017 at 2:00 PM** at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. If you are celebrating your 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th or beyond anniversary, please contact the Parish Office **by September 22, 2017**. We will need your last names, first names, and mailing address. Please also indicate your special anniversary. By providing your name to the Parish Office, you will be registered and will receive an invitation. There is no need for the couple to RSVP.

WEEKEND RETREAT Our Lady of Hope House of Prayer New Ipswich, NH

Light In Darkness: God's Presence in Hope and Love

September 15-17, 2017

Registration Deadline: September 1, 2017

Please contact Sisters Rita Pay or Suzanne Rivard, p.m. at <u>olhope1@yahoo.com</u> or go to <u>http://www.ourladyhope.org</u>.

Saint Luke the Evangelist

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Discipleship is a lifelong journey.

Lifelong faith formation provides opportunities and experiences throughout the entire life span to strengthen our relationship with and knowledge of God. A commitment to lifelong faith formation serves to enhance our understanding of Scripture and of our Tradition. It sustains us in living as disciples of Jesus Christ.

As a reminder of last week's discussion, some principles that will guide our community in our process of renewing lifelong faith formation:

- The centrality of Sunday Liturgy as the "source and summit" of our lives as Christians
- The need to connect worship learning service
- The desire to be flexible for family schedules while at the same time providing quality religious education and excellent materials for students, parents and parishioners
- A need to dissociate our religious education programs from the "school system" and the "grade level mentality"
- A clear focus on the meaning of the Catholic experience

With our Parish focus on lifelong faith formation still in mind, today we begin at the beginning – faith formation programs for children and young adults.

Religious Education Registration meeting for parents on Sunday, September 10 after the 10 am Liturgy in the Church Hall. Program officially begins on September 17!

PRE-SCHOOL - GRADE 8 - Focus on the WORD and on the Mass

Beginning on September 10 children from preschool through grade 8 will dismissed during the 10 am Liturgy right after the opening prayer. They will go down into the Hall for their own age appropriate Liturgy of the Word, which focuses primarily on the Gospel reading of the day. Students will then participate in a lesson that ties the Gospel of the particular Sunday to a core teaching of the Church. Each student will receive a weekly booklet for use at home. Every family will also receive a resource book *What the Church Believes and Teaches* for home use. In addition, Pflaum, our publisher, offers free on-line resources for all ages at their website, www.pflaum.com

Why choose a liturgy-based program?

Free family resources are available at www.pflaum.com

Each lesson in the Pflaum Gospel Weeklies Faith Formation Program flows from the

words of Jesus Christ in the Sunday Gospels. Children learn their faith – including instructions in doctrine, sacraments, commandments, and prayer – within the rhythms and seasons of the liturgical year, encouraging a growing participation in the life of the parish community.

What grades does the program cover?

The Pflaum Gospel Weeklies Faith Formation program is available in five age-appropriate editions for preschool through eighth grade.

What are the components of the program?

The program consists of a faith formation handbook – *What the Church Believes and Teaches* – for each child, plus 32 weekly Gospel-based lessons. Together they provide a unique alternative to the traditional textbook. The handbook is also available in a bilingual edition, *Me fe católica*.

How do the handbook and weekly lessons work together?

The handbook leads children to understand the basics of the Catholic faith; the weekly lessons inspire them to seek out ways to practice their faith in their daily lives. A special section in the weekly guides integrates each lesson with doctrine in the handbook.

How does the program involve parents?

The take-home booklet format provides the most effective communication tool between the Parish, the student and the student's family. Every session reinforces the need for parents and children to actively participate in the Sunday Mass and the life of the Church. Free on-line resources are available for family use at <u>www.pflaum.com</u>.

All the materials associated with the Pflaum Gospel Weeklies including the resource book *What the Church Believes and Teaches* have been found in conformity with the Catechism of the Catholic Church and certified for use in catechetical instruction by the US Bishops.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION - focus on the worship life of the church and on the individual's faith response

FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION: First Reconciliation preparation typically takes place in Grade 2, with the sacrament celebrated on the day of the retreat. Weekly attendance at the Sunday Liturgy, together with the completion of the home-based program engages children's hearts and minds through multiple prayer opportunities and unique interactive elements. Emphasis is on the beauty of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and engages both children and families in this important time of preparation. A Sunday retreat experience for the entire family culminates with the celebration of the Sacrament.

FIRST EUCHARIST PREPARATION: First Eucharist preparation this year takes place in grade 2 (the Canon Law of the Church states that the minimum age for reception of the Eucharist is 7), with the reception of Eucharist for the first time celebrated in late spring. Eucharist will move with the celebration of Confirmation beginning next year (see below) Weekly attendance and completion of the sacramental curriculum, and attending a Sunday retreat with at least one parent is required. First Eucharist readies children to come to the Lord's Table with joy and reverence. The home-based curriculum explores the sacraments of initiation, liturgical seasons, and Eucharist-related Biblical stories.





CONFIRMATION & RESTORED ORDER: Our Diocese is restoring the order in which the Sacraments of Initiation are celebrated. Restored Order means returning the three sacraments of Christian initiation to the logical order in which they were designed to be celebrated: first Baptism, then Confirmation, then Eucharist. By placing Confirmation prior to the reception of First Eucharist it makes it easier to view the Eucharist as the summit of Christian initiation.

As of 2021, the standard age of Confirmation will be students in the third grade, and Confirmation will be celebrated at the same liturgy as First Eucharist. As a result, the preparation and reception of the sacraments of initiation will occur with Baptism in infancy, Confirmation and Eucharist in third grade. Although not a sacrament of initiation, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be received in the second grade.

The Sacrament schedule for our Parish for the year 2017/2018 will be as follows:

Visit www.catholicnh.org/parishes/formation/lifelong for more information on the Restored Order of Confirmation & Eucharist

Grade 2 will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in January, 2018 and First Eucharist in May, 2018. Dates TBA

Grades 8, 9, and 10 will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in April, 2018. There will be Confirmation sessions after the 10 a.m. Mass with a retreat. Dates TBA

TEENS AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

With the Diocese moving to the restoration of the order of Confirmation before Eucharist, we have a tremendous new opportunity to engage teenagers and young adults in the life of our community and the wider Church. Beginning this fall, we will host sessions for youth and young adults after 10:00 am Liturgy that are geared specifically to the needs and interests of our young people. We welcome input from the Parish community - and willing volunteers to help expand a ministry to young people that will promote

- Guidance of the Holy Spirit discerned through prayer.
- Fidelity to the mission and teaching of the church.
- Ministry rooted in prayer and sacraments.
- Dignity and giftedness of each person.
- Inherent goodness, unique gifts and charisms of all young people.
- Baptism call of each person to discipleship, mission and holiness.
- Riches of diversity.
- Promotion of justice and peace.
- Responsible stewardship of our resources.
- Wisdom of shared leadership and collaboration



Friday, August 18, 2017 – 12 Noon – 7:00 pm Saturday, August 19, 2017 – 8:00 am - Noon St. Luke Parish Center 8 Atkinson Depot Rd, Plaistow, NH

> Please plan to volunteer! We need <u>lots</u> of help both days!

SPRING CLEANING?

Start saving your stuff for the Yard Sale: almost anything will be welcome (<u>please</u>, no clothes, electronics, books, broken or dirty items)

BRING YOUR STUFF & HELP US SORT IT: Friday, August 18th – 12 Noon – 7:00 pm

HELP US COLLECT MONEY & BUY SOME STUFF Saturday, August 19th – 8:00 am - 12 Noon

Questions? Call the Parish Office at 603-382-8324

Coming to a Parish Center near you ...

St. Luke the Evangelist Parish 10th Annual Christmas Craft Fair Saturday, November 4, 2017

Set-up Thursday November 2nd & Friday November 3rd

Save the dates & start saving your donations.

As you spring & summer clean, please save: New or antique items & collectibles for the Silent Auction...

New/as-new items for the Penny Sale...

Please start making Home-made jams, jellies, pickles, as well as knitted & crocheted items, for the Country Store...

We'll start collecting things at the church in October.

Please lend a hand to plan & run the Fair... contact Craft Fair at stlukenhfair@gmail.com with "Fair Help" in the subject line.



Climbing the Mountain

By Mary Katharine Deeley

From the top of Mount Tabor in Israel, the supposed site of Jesus' transfiguration, visitors can see clearly across the valley to the distant Golan Heights some forty-five miles away. The view takes your breath away. When I was in the valley, I could only see the immediate area, but at the top I was mesmerized by both the distance and the beauty of the land.

Maybe that's why mountains have always been places of prayer, divine unveiling, and why Jesus took Peter, James, and John up to the top of a

Sunday Readings

Deuteronomy 7:9-10, 13-14

[The LORD] will love and bless and multiply you; he will bless the fruit of your womb and the produce of your soil.

2 Peter 1:16-19

"This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Matthew 17:1-9

And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. mountain to experience this vision of his glory. He wanted them to see more than their daily life and work. He wanted them to see further than they ever thought they could. He wanted them to see the depths of who he was in a new and profound way. It was important that they do this. The transfiguration happens in the midst of Jesus' predictions of his passion and death, before he begins his deliberate journey to Jerusalem. Without an image of the glorified Christ, the apostles might not have had the courage to continue following him.

Like the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert, we also hear this transfiguration account during Lent. Jesus takes the Church and each one of us up the mountain and dares us to see further, better, more deeply than ever before. He challenges us to leave what we know, listen to him, and follow in his footsteps. May we have the courage to accept that challenge. †

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A Word From Pope Francis

By [Jesus'] Transfiguration he invites us to gaze at him. And looking at Jesus purifies our eyes and prepares them for eternal life, for the vision of heaven. Perhaps our eyes are a little sick because we see so many things that are not of Jesus, things that are even against Jesus: worldly things, things that do not benefit the light of the soul. And in this way, this light is slowly extinguished, and without knowing it, we end up in interior darkness, in spiritual

darkened faith.

—Homily, second Sunday of Lent, March 16, 2014





- Do you spend enough time in prayer to face your daily activities with serenity?
- Are there days when you would rather stay in prayer than face your earthly commitments?



The Love That Transfigures

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In the story of the transfiguration, we see Jesus become radiant and glow. As

he is identified and affirmed by God as "my beloved Son," something shows through him that was not evident previously. Jesus has had little success in being recognized by others. The neighbors think they know: "This is Joseph's son, surely." Others think he is Elijah or one of the ancient prophets returned, while others believe he is the devil's agent. Peter says he is the Christ. Nobody gets to the real heart of who Jesus is. Soon after he hears all the proposed names he goes up the mountain to pray. With him he takes the inner circle of the apostolic group, Peter, James, and John.

In the experience of prayer it is clear that Jesus is not Elijah. Neither is he Moses, the greatest of the ancient prophets. They appear on the scene to direct our attention to a journey Jesus must make to Jerusalem. Peter makes a suggestion that echoes down through history: If in doubt, build something. But the focus is not on architectural posterity but on who Jesus is: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

Is it any wonder Jesus is radiant and aglow? He has an answer to his prayer. There is someone who gets his name right, and that someone is his Father. The deepest part of Jesus is called forth. The Father doesn't just identify Jesus but affirms him in love as his chosen one, and that transfigures Jesus. That recognition is allied to what Jesus must do: Being who he is means he must take the road to Jerusalem.

The transfiguration enables Jesus to make the most difficult journey of his life—to take the road that goes from Galilee to Golgotha. The Gospel passage tells us that Jesus did not face the knowledge of his forthcoming violent death alone. That lonely knowledge could paralyze anyone. The transfiguration enables Jesus to make that journey to Jerusalem in the declared love of the Father. The direction that Jesus has to follow will cost him his life: Matthew shows us that Jesus is not just the one who is to suffer but that he is the beloved Son of God. These two go together.

In our own journeys, we can face tough decisions more surely in the knowledge that we are loved and supported. When we hear our name called in love we can face our own road to Jerusalem. The power of that love allows us to face the future, just as its absence makes the future a loveless landscape. It is that love that we celebrate; it helps us to travel hopefully; it enables us to keep on striving until we can rest at last in the love that best knows our name. †

Believing Without Seeing

By Bishop Robert F. Morneau

he transfiguration would not be the last time that Jesus provided evidence of his divinity to his followers. One of the best-loved resurrection stories is that of Jesus appearing to the disciples when Thomas was absent. When told of the Lord's visitation, Thomas doubted in a big way and boldly asserted that his belief would be contingent upon touching the risen Lord. The day came and, after an initial exchange, Thomas responded: "My Lord and my God." Then Jesus gave us a glimpse of spiritual blessedness: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" (John 20:29).

The people of Missouri (and far beyond) express a dominant trait of our culture: "Show me." Doubt and suspicion are not unique to our times or culture.

Nm 11:4b-15 / Mt 14:13-21

Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a,

Tues. St. Dominic: Nm 12:1-13 /

34-35 / Mt 15:21-28

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We all seek evidence and find faith to be problematic. Yet at the core of our following Jesus is that radical conviction that God is with, for, and in us.

This is faith: welcoming God into our hearts, trusting in grace, saying yes to God's will, giving our assent to God's word. Faith assures us that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist and that God truly speaks to us in the Bible. †



Lord, you lead and guide me along the way. Increase my faith and trust in you. Amen.

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Thu. St. Lawrence: 2 Cor 9:6–10 / Jn 12:24–26 Fri. St. Clare: Dt 4:32–40 / Mt 16:24–28 Sat. Weekday: Dt 6:4–13 / Mt 17:14–20

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