



# MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, August 20, 2017  
Twentieth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

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

Gathering: Let Us Go To The Altar BB 315

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 19)

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

Preparation Christians, Let Us Love One Another  
BB 474

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion: Take And Eat BB 361  
Like A Shepherd BB 604

Recessional: Sent Forth By God's Blessing BB 385

9:00 AM

Gathering: Holy, Holy, Holy BB 204

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 100)

*We are His people, the flock of the  
Lord*

Preparation Seek Ye First BB 434

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion: Shepherd Me, O God BB 457

Recessional: All The Ends Of The Earth BB 548



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St. Luke the Evangelist is now on Facebook! Go to [www.facebook.com/stlukenh.org/](http://www.facebook.com/stlukenh.org/) or **St. Luke the Evangelist Parish – Newton/Plaistow** and give us a Like! Please invite fellow parishioners and friends to do the same.

## ✠ 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!

### August 6, 2017

Offertory	\$6,994.72
Property Management	\$1,712.00

### August 13, 2017

Offertory	\$6,590.23
NH Missionaries	\$1,771.00

### 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 20, 2017	Fuel
August 27, 2017	Missionary Co-op
September 3, 2017	Property Management
September 10, 2017	Catholic University

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 ✠

### CATECHISTS NEEDED

Our Religious Education Program is in need of catechists for Sunday mornings. Training will be provided. If you can help, please email Joyce at [jszczapa@stluketheevangelist.net](mailto:jszczapa@stluketheevangelist.net).

### ALTAR SERVERS, LECTORS, AND EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

You will soon make a decision 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, 4:00 PM at Plaistow; Sunday, 8:00 AM at Newton; and Sunday, 10:00 AM at Plaistow.**

Beginning September 10, Religious Education for preschool through grade 8 will happen as part of the 10 AM Mass. Father Albert has 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; the schedules will be done one month at a time while we all get used to the new schedule. Please let Jeanne know your both your preferred Mass choice as well as any requests for times off or special requests to serve for September through November. Remember it is always important to have all family members who do minister scheduled at the same Liturgy. We can do this through the end of the year, allowing you ample time to make a decision. We hope this makes the transition easier for all.

Please let Jeanne know of your Mass decision as soon as you can, so she'll be able to create the new lists. You should contact **Jeanne Sullivan** directly either via email at [jsul@myfairpoint.net](mailto:jsul@myfairpoint.net) or leave her 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.

### 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](http://www.amazonsmile.com). For questions, please call the Parish Office at 603-382-8324. Be sure to choose:

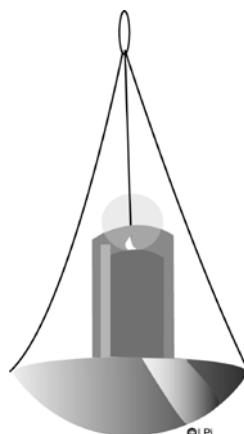
**St Luke the Evangelist Parish, Plaistow.**

### NEW MASS SCHEDULE

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

<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Saturday – Plaistow</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday – Newton</b>
<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday – Plaistow</b>

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

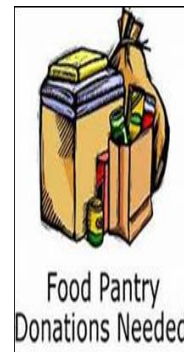


The Sanctuary Candle in Mary, Mother of the Church will burn this week in loving memory of **Laura Intervalo** by Tess Moulaison

The Sanctuary Candle in Holy Angels Church will burn this week in loving memory of **Eleanor Knowles** (25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) by Bill & Marjorie Knowles

### **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**.

### **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.

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### ✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

#### Wednesday, August 23

9:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration Begins *Plaistow*  
6:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration Ends *Plaistow*

#### Thursday, August 24

8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration Begins *Newton*  
8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration Ends *Newton*

#### Saturday, August 26

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

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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, September 20 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.**

### ✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

#### Saturday, August 19 ~ Vigil / 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28*

4:00 PM William Wheeler by the Parish  
*Plaistow*

#### Sunday, August 20 ~ 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28*

7:30 AM Deceased Parishioners  
*Newton*

9:00 AM John Gallant by Jim & Mary Anne Downs  
*Newton*

11:00 AM William Scully by his wife, Arleen  
*Plaistow*

#### Monday, August 21 ~ Pius X, Pope

*Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22*

6:30 PM People of the Parish  
*Plaistow*

#### Tuesday, August 22 ~ The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30*

8:00 AM Greg Scanlon by his Mom and brothers  
*Newton*

#### Wednesday, August 23 ~ Rose of Lima, Virgin

*Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16*

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

#### Thursday, August 24 ~ Bartholomew, Apostle

*Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51*

8:00 AM Doris LeBlanc (Birthday Remembrance)  
by her family  
*Newton*

#### Friday, August 25 ~ Louis and Joseph Calasanz, Priest

*Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40*

*No Mass*

#### Saturday, August 26 ~ Weekday

*Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12 (Day)*

*Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20 (Vigil)*

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

#### Sunday, August 27 ~ 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20*

7:30 AM Francine Bettencourt by Janice Bettencourt  
*Newton*

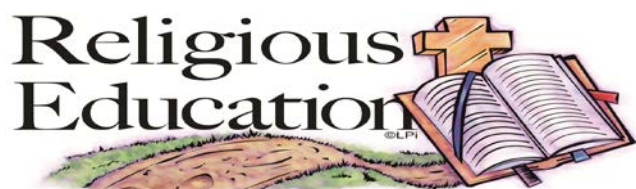
9:00 AM Kyle DiPerri by Janice Bettencourt  
*Newton*

11:00 AM Gus Kassis by the Lagimonier & Michel families  
*Plaistow*

#### 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](mailto: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, ext. 303 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](mailto: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](mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net).

### ALTAR SERVERS WANTED

Students who have celebrated their First Eucharist and want to become **Altar Servers** at Liturgy are welcome to see Father Albert. Training begins with a new server being an “observer” until they are ready to function as servers. Altar Serving is an opportunity for children of our parish to give of themselves and participate in a meaningful way in our community. Parents, please email Fr. Albert with any questions at [fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net](mailto:fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net).

### 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](mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net).

### PARENTS BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION

The monthly preparation session for infant Baptism will be held after the 10:00 AM Liturgy on **Sunday, September 10, 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
St. Luke's Food Pantry	819-4949
Preschool	382-9783
Presentation of Mary Convent	382-2744

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✠ **Parish News ~ Youth News ~ Around The Diocese** ✠

**A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS**

Join St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Derry, NH **every Thursday, beginning September 21 through October 19 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM** as they lead a video-based study entitled "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass". Dr. Edward Sri explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. In this study, you will come to know and understand the Mass as never before, leading you to a richer, more fruitful worship experience. Contact Christian Trudeau at 802-238-6318 or go to [staderrynh@gmail.com](mailto:staderrynh@gmail.com) to register or for more information.

**SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES**

**GRIEF SUPPORT, AGES 6-14**

Merrimack Valley Hospice knows that kids grieve in their own unique way, so they've designed a free Grief Support Program for children and teens ages 6-15 and their caregivers where they can: Enjoy some pizza. Connect with Peers. Express creativity. Learn about bereavement. Create a lasting memory. **The group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month beginning September 21, 2017 through June 21, 2018 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM.** Registration is required. Please call 978-552-4510 to register or for more information.

**THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS**

The Compassionate Friends of Greater Newburyport provides support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild, or sibling – any age, any cause. Monthly support meetings are held on **the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month from 7:30 to 9:00 PM** in the Immaculate Conception Parish Conference Room 209, Newburyport, MA. Contact Barbara Hopkinson, founder & chapter leader at 617-410-6309 or [info@abutterflysjourney.org](mailto:info@abutterflysjourney.org).

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

Any married couple who desires a richer, more full life together deserves a Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next one will be held on the weekend of September 16-17 at Berina II Spiritual Retreat Center in Medway, MA. Visit [www.wwmema.org](http://www.wwmema.org) or call 1-800-710-WWME to register.

**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 an education that is 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 more information, or to schedule a tour, please contact Christine at 603-893-6811, ext. 19 or [clatino@sjrcs.com](mailto:clatino@sjrcs.com).

**ATKINSON 250<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION – BREAKFAST**

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a breakfast as part of Atkinson's 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration Weekend. The breakfast will be held on **Sunday, September 3 from 8:00 to 11AM** at the Atkinson Community Center which is located at 4 Main Street in Atkinson. The menu will include eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, coffee and juice. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, and \$3 for children and will be on sale at the door. All net proceeds will be used to support the Knights charities in the local community.

**HOSPITAL VISITATION**

If you or someone you know is in the hospital and wants to receive a visit, please contact the Parish Office at 603-382-8324. If you or someone you know faces a hospital admission, make sure they know to inform the hospital that they are Catholic and are members of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish. If a person cannot make this information known at the time of admission, a family member may be able to make that information known to the hospital staff.

**WOMEN OF GRACE**

You are invited to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Hampton, NH for a Foundational Study, **FULL OF GRACE: WOMEN AND THE ABUNDANT LIFE**. This is a dynamic program for Catholic women, encouraging participants to come to a fuller understanding of their dignity and vocation as daughters of God. Join in on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon beginning on **September 20**. **Registration deadline is September 8, 2017.** Contact Kathy Allen at 603-957-0048 or [kallen77@gmail.com](mailto:kallen77@gmail.com).

**OUR LADY OF HOPE DAY RETREAT**

**September 23, 2017**

Our Lady of Hope House of Prayer in New Ipswich, NH invites you to join Sister Lucille Thibodeau, p.m. on **Saturday, September 23, 2017 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM** as she leads the group on the subject "Creatures of the Same God". **The last date to register for this event is Saturday, September 16, 2017.** Contact Sisters Rita Pay or Suzanne Rivard, p.m. via email at [olhope1@yahoo.com](mailto:olhope1@yahoo.com) or visit [www.ourladyhope.org](http://www.ourladyhope.org).

**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> 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're celebrating any of these milestone anniversaries, please contact the Parish Office **by September 22**. We need your first & last names, first, mailing address, and your special anniversary year. By doing this, you will be registered and will receive an invitation.

**We stand against the evil of  
racism, white supremacy and  
neo-nazism. At the same time, we  
stand with our sisters and  
brothers united in the sacrifice of  
Jesus, by which love's victory  
over every form of evil is assured.**

Cardinal Daniel DiNardo and Bishop Frank Dewane



**The Bishops of our country speak out...**

Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and Bishop Frank Dewane of Venice, Florida, Chairman of

the USCCB Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, are calling on all people of goodwill to join in prayer and unity today in response to the violent protest and deadly attack in Charlottesville, Virginia. They speak on behalf of the Bishops of the United States:

“As we learn more about the horrible events of August 12, our prayer turns today, on the Lord's Day, to the people of Charlottesville who offered a counter example to the hate marching in the streets. Let us unite ourselves in the spirit of hope offered by the clergy, people of faith, and all people of good will who peacefully defended their city and country.

We stand against the evil of racism, white supremacy and neo-nazism. We stand with our sisters and brothers united in the sacrifice of Jesus, by which love's victory over every form of evil is assured. At Mass, let us offer a special prayer of gratitude for the brave souls who sought to protect us from the violent ideology displayed on August 12. Let us especially remember those who lost their lives. Let us join their witness and stand against every form of oppression.”

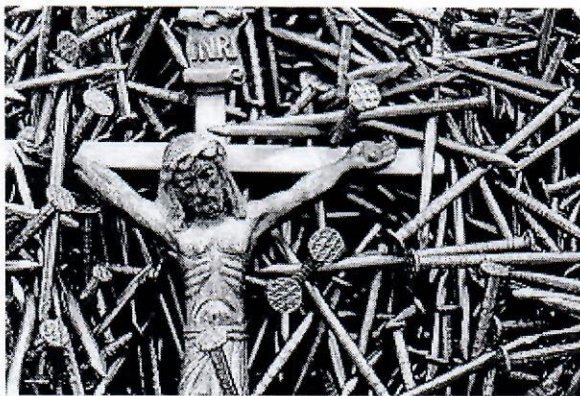


Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo, Bishop of Richmond, and the local Ordinary of Charlottesville issued the following statement from his hospital bed:

“I remain deeply saddened about the devastating events in Charlottesville over the weekend, most especially I mourn the loss of lives and the injuries of many more. Hatred, and its manifestations of racism, neo-nazism and white supremacy, are sins against God and profoundly wound the children of God. I am grateful for the many people, including clergy and people of faith, who bravely stood against hate, whether in prayer or in person. I also thank and pray for the men and women from law enforcement and emergency services who protect us.

I continue to join my brother priests and bishops, the lay faithful and people of all faiths as we turn to God in prayer. We ask his mercy, pardon and wisdom as we root out these long-standing evils, strands of which, tragically, remain woven within the fabric of our society.”

**Every form of social or cultural discrimination in fundamental personal rights on the grounds of sex, race, color, social conditions, language, or religion must be curbed and eradicated as incompatible with God's design.** (*Gaudium et Spes*, 29.2, II Vatican Council)



*Racism and hate are both personal and cultural sins. They are always serious, and they poison our personal and community life.*

# 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.

In our task of renewal and re-commitment to lifelong faith formation, all of us as Parish family are invited to participate and share our witness, time and talent. Consider the following opportunities!

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN**

Our Parish program depends on volunteers who give of themselves and so witness by deeds of service to the Way of the Lord

Jesus. Please consider assisting the Religious Education Program as a Catechist, Aide or Substitute:

#### ☐ **CATECHIST (Pre-K – 8)**

*Responsibilities:* Prepare weekly lessons, arrive a few minutes before 10 am Mass time or session time to get settled, present and lead weekly sessions, attend Catechist Meetings and resource sessions; keep attendance records, maintain appropriate environment in the classroom; communicate with Coordinator any special needs or circumstances.

#### ☐ **CLASSROOM AIDE**

*Responsibilities:* Arrive a few minutes before 10 am Mass time or session time to get settled, help Catechist to present and lead weekly sessions, attend Catechist Meetings and resource sessions.



## ☐ **PROGRAM AIDE**

*Responsibilities:* Arrive a few minutes before 10 am Mass time or session time to get settled. Assist Coordinator with materials and classroom preparation, escort children to and from Church to class, attend to safety needs of children, monitor hallways and corridors, greet and assist parents.

## ☐ **SUBSTITUTE**

*Responsibilities:* Arrive a few minutes before 10 am Mass time or session time to get settled, present and lead weekly sessions, attend Catechist Meetings and resource sessions, follow lesson plan as outlined by catechist or as advised by Coordinator; report extraordinary circumstances to Coordinator.

## **CONFIRMATION PROGRAM**

### ☐ **CATECHIST**

*Responsibilities:* Prepare weekly lessons, present and lead weekly sessions, attend Catechist Meetings and resource sessions; keep attendance records, maintain appropriate environment in the classroom; communicate with Coordinator any special needs or circumstances.

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

### ☐ **GROUP LEADER**

*Responsibilities:* Organize and develop sessions focusing on worship, learning and service for middle school or high school youth, present and lead activities, communicate with Coordinator or Parish Staff.

It is the policy of the Diocese of Manchester that ALL Catechists, Aides, Substitutes or anyone who works with minor children must complete an application form and undergo a criminal background check with the State of NH before they are allowed to participate in the Religious Education Program. Additionally, all Parish Volunteers must attend a Diocesan sponsored "Protecting God's Children" seminar or complete "Shield the Vulnerable" on line. Please see the Religious Education Coordinator with any questions.

## ☐ **RCIA PROGRAM VOLUNTEER**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults welcomes volunteers who are interested in sharing their faith and the tradition of the Church with adults who come to our Parish seeking Baptism or to complete the Sacraments of Initiation. The RCIA group meets on Monday evenings, but there are occasions when we are also in need of 1:1 tutors to help with the Initiation program.

## **HOSPITALITY MINISTRY**

### ☐ **COFFEE HOUR HOST** (Newton and Plaistow)

We are looking for “hosts” for Coffee & Donut Hour after the 8 am and 10 am Liturgies as scheduled. Host responsibilities include placing all items on the serving tables, and clean up after Coffee Hour. We are also looking for Coffee Hour delivery persons who can pick up donuts on designated Sunday mornings.

### ☐ **USHERS & GREETERS**

The ministries of Usher and Greeter are principally concerned with hospitality and extending a welcome to all who gather in God’s house. Greeters welcome all to our doors and distribute the weekly Bulletin. Ushers are responsible for taking up the collection during each Mass and also assist seating parishioners during crowded Masses. Ushers and Greeters also assist guests with questions and directions. Couples or families are invited to serve together!

## **ALTAR SERVERS**

### ☐ **ALTAR SERVER - YOUTH**

The mission of the St. Luke the Evangelist Altar Servers is to minister at God’s altar with reverence, generosity, and love. The presence of Altar Servers at the altar is an important witness, reminding us that Catholics of every age have gifts to offer and a role in ministry. Servers are scheduled at Saturday Vigil, Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies. To become an Altar Server, a student must be in the third grade or higher, and have received First Eucharist. Parent permission forms are available in the Sacristy of both Churches. All Servers begin as “observers” and gradually learn what Servers do during Mass.

### ☐ **ALTAR SERVER - ADULT**

Adult Altar Servers assist at any Parish Liturgy, but are especially welcome to assist at The Saturday Vigil Liturgy (4 PM) and the Sunday (8 am) Liturgy in Newton. Adult Servers are also welcome to serve at Funeral Liturgies which are typically held on weekday mornings or on Saturday mornings.

## **MUSIC MINISTRY**

### ☐ **CHOIR**

The Adult Choir sings and leads the assembly with traditional music at Mass, the Liturgies of Christmas and Holy Week, and at special Liturgies during the year. Membership is open to all without regard to musical backgrounds.

### ☐ **CANTOR**

Cantors serve the Parish by leading the Liturgical Assembly on Saturday evenings, Sundays, Holy Days and special services. Cantors introduce the day's Liturgy and lead the Assembly in the hymns of the Mass. Cantors also have an integral role in the Liturgy of the Word as the leader of the Psalm. Cantors also serve at Funeral Liturgies and at celebrations of the Sacrament of Marriage.

### ☐ **CONTEMPORARY CHOIR / FOLK GROUP**

The Contemporary Choir / Folk Group leads the Liturgical Assembly with contemporary music at the 10:00 am Liturgy in Plaistow. Singers and instrumentalists are welcome to join. One of the members of the Group also serves as Cantor for the 10:00 am Liturgy each Sunday.

## **Other opportunities to share your time and talents...**

Youth Ministry Program presenter (topics abound!)

Adult discussion series (on various topics)

Adult Scripture Sharing

Sacristy helper – washing & preparing the linens used at Mass

Food Pantry Volunteer

Saint Vincent de Paul Volunteer

**Our community is graced with so many talents and so many opportunities... Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to inspire you – then contact the Parish Office for more details.**





# Mission Co-Op 2017

## Xaverian Missionaries

**Xaverian Missionaries serve in 21 nations around the world.**

Archbishop Guido Maria Conforti, a Bishop whose heart embraced the World, fulfilled his life-long dream to serve the mission of the Church by founding the Xaverian Missionaries in 1895. On World Mission Sunday, October 23, 2011, Pope Benedict XVI at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome proclaimed him a Saint.

Today, over nine hundred Xaverian priests, brothers and sisters bring God's love to people on every continent. In Asia: Bangladesh, Japan, Indonesia, China/Taiwan, Philippines, and Thailand. In Africa: Burundi, D.R. Congo, Cameroon, Chad, Mozambique, and Sierra Leone; Brazil, Colombia in South America; Mexico and the US in North America, and in the UK, Spain and Italy.

From the very beginning of our history, we have enjoyed the collaboration and cooperation of many friends and benefactors through the world. It is, however, the loyal support of generous friends in United States, which enables us to increase and multiply our works of mercy. Whenever we have been able to build a church or a seminary, a school or a hospital, a youth center or a farming project this has been made possible through the generous contributions of our friends and benefactors here in the States.

These partners in mission are truly the ones who make possible the training of future local priests, brothers and sisters, who provide much needed medicines and facilitate the development of all the skills needed for missionary work. These friends and benefactors have consciously chosen to be with us as together we make the love of Jesus visible in every corner of the world. Ultimately, in all we do, our purpose is to facilitate the formation of "one human family" by enabling people to become agents of both their spiritual and material destinies through a personal commitment to Jesus' commandment of love.

You, too, can SHARE in these mission efforts through your prayers, through your financial aid and through encouraging the youth in your parish to answer their call to be missionaries. Thank you for supporting, through our missionary activities, the MISSION OF THE CHURCH. Through your support you form, together with us, THE XAVERIAN FAMILY.

**Our second collection on the weekend of August 26-27 will be for the Xaverian Missionary Priests, Brothers and Sisters. Thank you for your generosity and prayers.**

# Xaverian Missionaries

We understand the global mission of the Church to be the proclamation of Jesus Christ through:

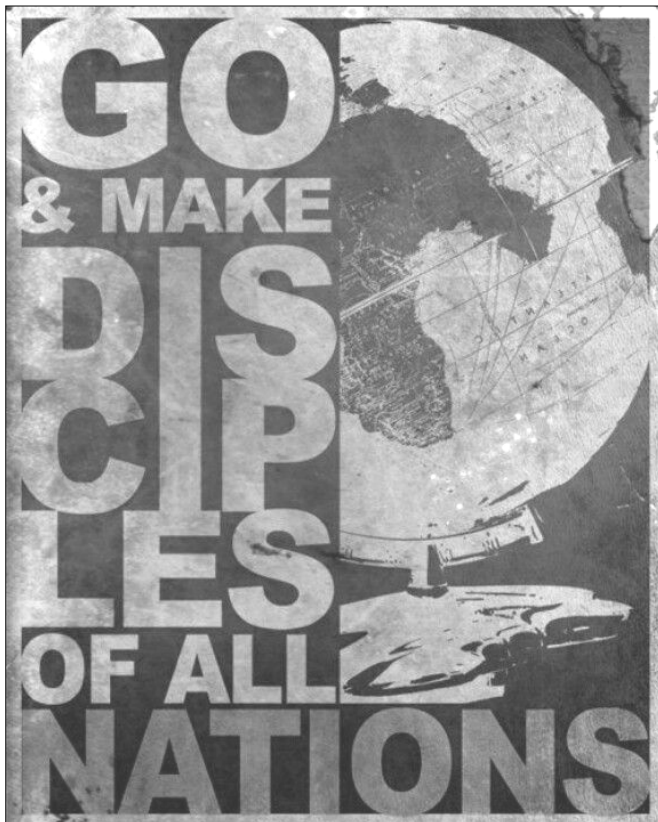
- *sharing the legacy of our founder, St. Guido Conforti;*
- *telling the story and witness of our missionaries in the variety of ministries and countries where we serve.*
- *interfaith dialogue;*
- *advocacy for and solidarity with the poor;*
- *intercultural dialogue in pastoral assistance to international cultural communities*
- *mission vocation ministry*



As a community of brothers among brothers from a variety of cultural and continental backgrounds, we are messengers of God's love, witnesses of hope, and builders of God's Kingdom, together becoming an example to the wider Church and world community that it is possible to be one as Jesus wills.

## Xaverian Missionaries commit to:

- **Inspire a new generation to the global Catholicism in all the lifestyles and ministries that are possible today, particularly to a lifetime commitment as a Xaverian Missionary.**
- **To engage in interfaith and intercultural dialogue as a new way of mission animation to witness our mission for the local church and to encourage their involvement.**
- **To continue to invite friends to collaborate with us in our vision and mission as a region through our efforts in fundraising and development and our outreach to our missions worldwide in these changing times.**





# Bringing Home the Word

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time | August 20, 2017

## Celebrating God's Love for All

By Mary Katharine Deeley

**I** watched a friend tell a group of children the story of the good shepherd. On the floor in front of him were wooden sheep, a shepherd figurine, and a fenced-in area. He had placed one of the wooden sheep a little bit away from the scene.

Before he got halfway through the story, one child raised her hand and asked why the sheep was by itself. He explained that the sheep was lost and asked what she would do about it. She looked for a minute, then picked up the little figure and returned it to the fenced area with the other sheep. He used that as the basis for his story, pointing out that

Jesus cares for us the same way and will not leave us out of the flock.

In today's readings, we celebrate God's love for all people—including all who raise their voices in claim to the love of God, those who are not like us, and those who are strange, disenfranchised, and annoying.

The woman in the Gospel was not Jewish, and the disciples tried to keep her away. But in her faith, she cried to Jesus—and he heard her.

Matthew says that after her, many Gentiles (non-Jews) came to Jesus. He welcomed and healed them. He also fed them as easily as he fed the 5,000 Jews, whose story we've often heard.

We might see these strangers as unloving and unlovable, but God isn't bound by what we see. Their faith, too, is a conduit for God's grace and compassion.

The little girl who saw a sheep by itself was moved with compassion.

So is God for all who seek him. †

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## A Word From Pope Francis

Mutual understanding of our [Catholic and Jewish] spiritual heritage, appreciation for what we have in common and respect in matters on which we disagree: all these can help to guide us to a closer relationship....Together, we can make a great contribution to the cause of peace; together, we can bear witness...to the perennial importance of the divine plan of creation; together, we can firmly oppose every form of anti-Semitism and all other forms of discrimination.

—Address to the two chief rabbis in Israel at Heichal Shlomo Center, Jerusalem, May 26, 2014



## Sunday Readings

### Isaiah 56:1, 6–7

...For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

### Romans 11:13–15, 29–32

For God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all.

### Matthew 15:21–28

"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

### ONE QUESTION REFLECTION

- How can you become more united with your ancestors in faith?
- How can you strengthen your bond with your brothers and sisters in Christ in your parish and public communities?





# Love: Our Truest Vocation

By Fr. Thomas Richstatter, OFM

**B**eing Catholic is not something that happens to us overnight. It takes

work and practice—a lot more than just an hour a week in church. It's really the task of a lifetime.

What makes one a Catholic? In one sense, one becomes Catholic by receiving the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist—just as a person becomes married by celebrating the sacrament of matrimony. But as any married person will tell you, the wedding itself doesn't make a marriage. To really become what one promised in the wedding vows takes time and hard work.

Similarly, one doesn't take on Catholic identity merely by receiving the sacraments. Like marriage, Catholic identity requires time and effort. Catholic identity, like marriage, is about love. And love is an art.

Years ago, when I was in music school, I would spend hour after hour at the piano learning two pieces required for the end-of-semester recital. After weeks of practice I could play those pieces rather well. But just because I could play two songs didn't mean I was an artist. A real artist isn't limited to a couple of pieces. Artists can play *all* the pieces.

Similarly, to be good at the art of Catholic loving you have to be able to love all the pieces. You have to love everyone—even as God loves everyone and invites people of every race, language, and way of life to the great nuptial banquet of the kingdom.

## What It's All About?

Love everybody? While this may seem impossible, it is at the heart of Catholic identity. Our Catholic vocation is essentially a call to be lovers, just as Jesus was. Following Jesus doesn't mean we have to become carpenters, fishermen, or preachers. Following Jesus means that we have to become great lovers.

Jesus was an artist at loving. He could play all the pieces. He loved rich and poor people, saints and sinners. As a sign of that universal love, he opened his arms on the cross and shed his covenant blood “for you and for all.”

Clearly we don't arrive at this Catholic, all-embracing level of artistry overnight. When learning to play the piano, one starts with easy pieces and gradually works up to the harder ones. The same is true with the art of loving: We start with the easier pieces (loving our parents, children, friends, neighbors) and slowly

work up to the harder pieces—the people who are not like us.

## From Feelings to Action

And this loving goes deeper than surface niceties. The loving that lies at the core of Catholic identity leads to concrete acts: embracing the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the prisoner. It requires working for peace. It involves concern for the earth. It demands justice for the poor.

And because the objects of our loving are human, limited, and sinful, our loving will most certainly entail forgiveness—both forgiving and being forgiven. We who follow Jesus are called to announce the kingdom of God by being ambassadors of reconciliation and instruments of peace.

The Eucharist is the marvelous sign of Catholic identity. The Eucharist takes us into the body of Christ. It fills us with the spirit of Christ so we can truly become Catholic, all-embracing lovers. Love is our vocation. Love is the heart of our Catholic identity. †

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## PRAYER

Lord, you offered the healing love and compassion of God to the sick and poor. Help me to be an instrument of God's love and compassion to all people. Amen.

*From Faithful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time*


Rev. Warren J. Savage and  
Mary Ann McSweeney

## WEEKDAY READINGS

August 21–26

Mon. St. Pius X:  
Jgs 2:11–19 / Mt 19:16–22  
Tue. Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary:  
Jgs 6:11–24a / Mt 19:23–30  
Wed. Weekday:  
Jgs 9:6–15 / Mt 20:1–16

Thu. St. Bartholomew:  
Rv 21:9b–14 / Jn 1:45–51  
Fri. Weekday:  
Ru 1:1, 3–6, 14b–16, 22 / Mt 22:34–40  
Sat. Weekday:  
Ru 2:1–3, 8–11; 4:13–17 / Mt 23:1–12

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