

# MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, August 27, 2017  
Twenty-First Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

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

Gathering: Praise To The Lord BB 192

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 19)

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

Preparation Blest Are They BB 627

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion: Gift Of Finest Wheat BB 324  
Song Of The Body Of Christ BB 332

Recessional: Take Up Your Cross BB 710

9:00 AM

Gathering: Praise To The Lord BB 192

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 63)

*Your love is finer than life.*

Preparation All My Days BB 483

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion: One Bread, One Body BB 339

Recessional: Lead Me, Lord BB 628



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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!

	<u>August 15, 2017</u>	
Assumption		\$1,180.78
	<u>August 20, 2017</u>	
Offertory		\$5,759.27
Fuel		\$2,111.48

### 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 27, 2017	Missionary Co-op
September 3, 2017	Property Management
September 10, 2017	Catholic University
September 17, 2017	Fuel
September 24, 2017	Priest Retirement Fund

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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

### 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 ✠



### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, the Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, September 4.**

### 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 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Beginning next weekend, our new Liturgical schedule will go into effect (see above).

The Ministry schedules will be done one month at a time while we all get used to the new schedule.

**Please contact Jeanne Sullivan directly at [jmsul@myfairpoint.net](mailto:jmsul@myfairpoint.net) or 603-382-4760** to let her know 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 minister scheduled at the same Liturgy. We will do this through the end of the year to allow ample time to ease into this transition.

Beginning September 10, Religious Education for preschool through grade 8 will be part of the 10:00 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.

We are very grateful for all that you do, and for helping 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 next weekend, our new Mass schedule is:

**4:00 PM Saturday – Plaistow** (Cantor)

**8:00 AM Sunday – Newton** (Cantor)

**10:00 AM Sunday – Plaistow** (Contemporary Group)

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



### BAKE SALE & WALK FOR THE POOR

The St. Vincent de Paul Society's Annual Appeal & Bake Sale will be held on the weekend of **September 23-24, 2017** and their "Walk For The Poor" will be held on **Saturday, September 30, 2017.**

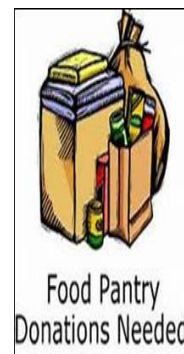
Would you like to participate in this walk? The more the merrier! Please email Susan Mokray at [suzigmo@aol.com](mailto:suzigmo@aol.com) for details.

You can support the St. Vincent de Paul Society's Walk For The Poor by donating to this event online at [www.svdpusa.net/walk/1565](http://www.svdpusa.net/walk/1565) and simply click on "Donate To This Event."

Donations are tax deductible and donor receipts are available. Please help us assist the poor in our community and "Walk A Mile In Our Shoes."

### 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.

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### ✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

#### Wednesday, August 30

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

#### Thursday, August 31

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

#### Saturday, September 2

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*



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## St. Vincent de Paul Society



### Bakers Wanted!

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be having their annual Appeal/Bake Sale after all of the Masses on the weekend of **September 23/24**. We are seeking talented bakers to drop off their baked goods at any of the Masses you attend and then turn around and purchase some of our other fine pastries!

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 26 ~ Vigil / 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time *Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20*

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*

#### Monday, August 28 ~ Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

*1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22*

8:00 AM People of the Parish  
*Plaistow*

#### Tuesday, August 29 ~ The Passion of John the Baptist *1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 6:17-29*

8:00 AM Philip Rossi by Helen Baird  
*Newton*

#### Wednesday, August 30 ~ Weekday

*1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32*

6:30 PM Michael and his recovery  
*Plaistow*

#### Thursday, August 31 ~ Weekday

*1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51*

8:00 AM People of the Parish  
*Newton*

#### Friday, September 1 ~ Weekday

*1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13*

*No Mass*

#### Saturday, September 2 ~ Weekday

*1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30 (Day)*

*Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27 (Vigil)*

4:00 PM Harvin Betournay by the Lanseigne family  
*Plaistow*

#### Sunday, September 3 ~ 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27*

8:00 AM Rita & Leon St. Germain by Jeannette & Roger  
*Newton*

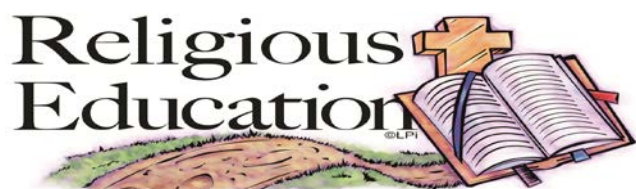
10:00 AM In Thanksgiving to St. Michael the Archangel  
by Jorge Giraldo  
*Plaistow*

### 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 ✠

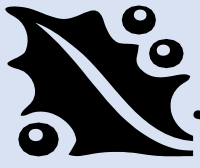
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✠ **Parish News ~ Youth News ~ Around The Diocese** ✠

**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.



**They're Here!**

Tickets are available now for the Christmas Craft Fair **Cash Raffle** at the back of the church.

The Cash Raffle needs lots & lots & lots of tickets sold to parishioners and – especially – to people outside the parish.

If we sell all of our tickets, we'll raise **\$6,000** for St. Luke's!!!

**What can you do to help?**

- ❖ When asked to take tickets for others to buy or sell, please say yes.
- ❖ Please buy at least one book of tickets yourself.

If you have any questions or would like to help make our Christmas Craft Fair even more successful, please contact Elaine Kindler at [stlukenhfair@hotmail.com](mailto:stlukenhfair@hotmail.com) or **call the Parish Office: 603-382-8324** Thank you!

**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.

**LITURGICAL MUSIC WORKSHOP**

David Haas and Lori True will be at St. Patrick's Parish in Milford, NH on **Friday September 22, 2017 at 7:00 PM** for a concert and on **Saturday September 23 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM** as they host a Liturgical Music Workshop. If you are interested in attending either or both events, please email Henry Kopczynskie at [saintpatmusic@gmail.com](mailto:saintpatmusic@gmail.com) or call him at 603-673-1311.

**OUR LADY OF HOPE DAY RETREAT**

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, mailing address, email address, and your special anniversary year. By doing this, you will be registered and will receive an invitation.

# St. Luke the Evangelist Christmas Craft Fair

You can be a big help by donating some of these things!

## Silent Auction

Donations of these items are needed:

- Gift certificates/tickets to vacation spots/resorts, e.g. Waterville Valley, or spas, or family adventure venues
- Collectible items, or a set of collectibles
- Antiques or items now considered kitsch
- Sports memorabilia &/or tickets for a New Hampshire or New England sports team
- Tickets to concerts or other entertainment – for adults, children or families
- One or more any value scratch Lottery ticket for the Lottery Jar (expiration dates, if any, should be after November 4!)
- OR ... ask people &/or businesses who could donate these type of items
- No perishables, please

**Please...no “yard sale” items. Only new or as-new will be accepted.**

## Penny Sale

All kinds of NEW items are needed for all ages – men & women – boys & girls

- Gift certificates from restaurants, hair salons, auto service centers, gardening centers, etc.
- Visit your favorite establishments to ask for a donation
- Donate any NEW un-used gifts you'd like to re-gift

*Please see the reverse side for more ideas on how you can make our Christmas Craft Fair a huge success!*

message to [stlukenhfair@gmail.com](mailto:stlukenhfair@gmail.com),

or leave a message for Elaine Kindler at the Parish Office:

603-382-8324. *Thank you!*

## Country & Thrift Store

If you knit or crochet:

- Sweaters of all sizes needed (baby to adult)
- Afghans of all sizes needed (lap robes to king size)
- Scarves, hats, mittens (men & women, boys & girls) &/or pot holders & trivets

If you sew:

- American Girl doll clothes
- Placemats, napkins, table runners (seasonal)

If you can or make preserves:

- Canned vegetables, fruits, applesauce
- Jam, jelly, preserves of any kind
- Pickles, relish, chutney

If you bake:

- Breads, pies, cupcakes, cake pops — anything except cookies

New & As New Items Needed:

- Christmas decorations – wreaths, table decor, etc.
- Popular books, CDs, DVDs
- Kitchen wares
- Wood-worked items
- Toys & Games (if no missing or broken pieces)

New Items Needed:

- “As Seen on TV” – anything & everything
- Grab bags of pleasant surprises (no cookies)

***Please bring all non-perishable donations to church on 10/28 or 10/29***

***Please bring all perishable items, Theme Baskets & Wine Raffle donations to the parish center on 11/3 from 12pm to 6pm***



For further information send a

# St. Luke the Evangelist Christmas Craft Fair

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## Children's Corner

Lollipop Game needs:

- A wide variety of new small & medium-sized prizes (toys &/or games for boys & girls)
- 1 or 2 larger new prizes
- Lots & lots & lots of Tootsie Roll Pops (only Tootsie Roll Pops don't fall through the board game holes)

Sugar Cookie Decorating needs:

- Cookie decorations: mini-M&Ms, jimmies, sprinkles, mini-chocolate chips, etc.
- Tubs of ready-to-use spreadable chocolate & vanilla frosting
- Red, green & white tube frosting

## St. Luke Café

Donate ingredients for American Chop Suey & other delicious food & beverages.

Please watch the for sign-up sheets in October.

## Cookie Heaven

Bake dozens and dozens of delicious cookies. Gluten-free, nut-free and/or sugar-free very welcome; please label clearly!

Watch for the *Cookie Angel's* appearance!

Cookies may be brought to the parish center on Friday 11/3 12 Noon—6 pm.

## St. Luke's Own Jewelry Table

Time to clean out those jewelry boxes and drawers for new or as new goodies!

Bring in all the things in good condition you don't wear anymore: earrings, pins, rings, necklaces, bracelets, cuff links, tie pins, chains, watches, etc.!

New stock is needed for our table, please.

## Wine Raffle

Someone's going to win a table full of wine and wine accessories!

Donate a bottle or two of red, white or sparkling wine—all kinds of wine! (No hard liquor, please.)

## Theme Baskets

Make a wrapped, ready-to-raffle basket with a theme. Get creative!

Here are some ideas: chocolate, golfers, indoor and outdoor gardening, fishermen, movie night, games, books, Christmas theme/decorations, girls, boys, music, Thanksgiving theme/decorations, babies, pets, faith formation/reflection, knitting, crocheting, quilting, scrapbooking, children's creative arts, all kinds of cooking and food: grilling, baking, international!

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# 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.**



# Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time | August 27, 2017

## Get Ready for Change

By Mary Katharine Deeley

**T**he last long days of summer are always a paradox. We anticipate the break in the summer heat and look for the crisp, cool air that refreshes us.

Children play outside as though they can't get enough of summer even as they get new school supplies and look forward to seeing their friends. Everywhere is a sense of change. Something is about to happen, and we won't be the same.

I wonder whether Peter felt the same way. He and the disciples had seen Jesus heal, cast out demons, and teach the ways of God. But did Peter and the disciples

really know what they were getting into or who they were following? Students are often tested at the end of summer vacation to see what they've learned and retained. Did the disciples have any sense that this might happen to them? Change is in the air and, ready or not, the lessons of the past are about to be put to the test.

"Who do you say that I am?" Jesus asked. Peter's answer shows he's been paying attention. He names Jesus for who he truly is—the Messiah.

Peter gets more than he bargained for. His name is changed, his life is changed, and he finds himself at the head of the class. Maybe he longed for the time he could fish all day, but now he's headed toward Jerusalem on the path that brings him face to face with the living God.

Vacation is almost over for us now as well, and school will soon begin. What have we learned from our encounters with God this summer?

Are we open, as Peter was, to be really changed by him? †

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to the test.***

## A Word From Pope Francis

Peter knocks at the door. Behold! There is joy, there is fear... "Do we open, do we not?"...Fear paralyzes us, it always paralyzes us; it makes us close in on ourselves, closed to God's surprises. This detail speaks to us of a constant temptation for the Church, that of closing in on herself in the face of danger. But we also see the small openings through which God can work....Prayer enables grace to open a way out from closure to openness, from fear to courage, from sadness to joy...from division to unity.

—Mass and blessing  
of sacred pallium  
for new archbishops,  
Solemnity of  
Sts. Peter and Paul,  
June 29, 2016



## Sunday Readings

### Isaiah 22:19–23

"I will thrust you from your office and pull you down from your station."

### Romans 11:33–36

For from him and through him and for him are all things.  
To him be glory forever. Amen.

### Matthew 16:13–20

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- How willing are you to let the pope, Peter's successor, confirm your faith today?
- What are you doing to ensure your faith is built on a solid foundation?





# Celebrating Our Big Church

By Fr. Thomas Richstatter, OFM

**W**hen I think Catholic, I think big. The Catholic Church is

a big Church: big numbers (over one billion members) spread all over the globe and big buildings—cathedrals and basilicas—with big parking lots.

But before we get carried away with too much of this external bigness, it might be good to remember that the Church was Catholic already at the first Pentecost, before there were any big cathedrals, parking lots, or a billion members. The Church was Catholic even when the disciples could all gather in one house.

Catholic implies big or universal—not just on the outside but big on the inside. Catholic is a mark of the inner nature of the Church. The Church is Catholic because it is all-embracing. The Catholic Church is the sacrament, the outward sign of a God who is Catholic, a God who is all-embracing and wants to share the one eternal banquet with people of every race, language, and way of life.

The Church is Catholic because, like God, it is not limited to one country or culture. In ancient times it was able to move from its Aramaic/Palestinian origins and adopt the language and culture of Greece to preach God's message. It then expressed itself in Syriac

and spread to India and beyond. It expressed itself in Coptic and spread to Egypt and throughout Africa. It adopted Roman customs and Latin language into its rituals. It employed Greek philosophy to explain its beliefs. It used the Roman legal system to organize its hierarchical structure. The Church is Catholic because it can take whatever is good in disparate cultures and embrace it as its own.

## A World of Disciples

The Catholic Church is not limited to one interpretation of what it means to be a disciple. When people, moved by the Holy Spirit, decide to live the gospel in a unique way, they don't have to start a new Church. The Catholic Church has room for a Benedict of Nursia, a Francis of Assisi, an Angela Merici, to name a few. There are many ways to live the gospel within the Church. That's what makes it Catholic.

Just think of the diverse groups that may exist within your own parish: Daughters of Isabella, Knights of Columbus, Opus Dei, St. Vincent de Paul Society, for example. It's a big church. It's a *Catholic* Church.

But what happens when our Catholic Church embraces people we don't like or don't agree with. (For example, most Catholic would have difficulties with

at least one of the organizations listed above.) When this big, all-embracing Catholic Church welcomes people who don't think like I do, and when I have to worship with people different from me, I sometimes wonder if it would be better to belong to a little Church where everyone is more alike.

## Growing, Becoming

Being Catholic isn't always comfortable. It stretches me to think new, bigger thoughts. Our Church is not the place for narrow minds or one-issue religion. And this has been a problem from day one.

Jesus himself was too Catholic for some of his contemporaries. He dined with the wrong people, cured the wrong people, and made friends with the wrong people. His Catholicity was a scandal because his embrace was so inclusive that he shed his blood for all.

Being Catholic is not only a mark of pride; it is a challenge. Catholic is not only something that the church is. It is something the Church continually strives to *become*. †

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## PRAYER

Lord, you entrusted the keys of the kingdom of heaven to your people.  
Help me be your wise and responsible servant. Amen.


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

## WEEKDAY READINGS

August 28–September 2

Mon. St. Augustine:  
1 Thes 1:1–5, 8b–10 / Mt 23:13–22  
Tue. Passion of St. John the Baptist:  
1 Thes 2:1–8 / Mk 6:17–29  
Wed. Weekday:  
1 Thes 2:9–13 / Mt 23:27–32

Thu. Weekday:  
1 Thes 3:7–13 / Mt 24:42–51  
Fri. Weekday:  
1 Thes 4:1–8 / Mt 25:1–13  
Sat. Weekday:  
1 Thes 4:9–11 / Mt 25:14–30

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