

MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, September 10, 2017 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM 8:00 AM

Gathering: Be Still, My Soul BB 684

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 103)

Loving and forgiving are you, O Lord; slow to anger, rich in kindness, loving and forgiving are you.

Preparation	As The Deer Longs BB 490	
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Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion: I Received The Living God BB 357 Bread Of Life BB 370

Recessional: O God, Our Help In Ages Past BB 442

#### 10:00 AM

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 95)

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Preparation As The Deer Longs BB 490 Prayer Of St. Francis BB 522

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion: Eye Has Not seen BB 460

Recessional: Sing A New Song BB 543



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

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!

#### COLLECTION AMOUNTS FOR SEPTEMBER 3, 2017 WILL APPEAR IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN

#### 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**

September 10, 2017	Catholic University
September 17, 2017	Fuel
September 24, 2017	Priest Retirement Fund
October 1, 2017	Property Management



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

Suggestee Based on			
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

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#### 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.



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



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 <u>stlukenhfair@hotmail.com</u> or call the Parish Office at 603-382-8324. Thank you!

#### 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'S WEBSITE! http://stlukenh.org

#### **NEW MASS SCHEDULE**

Our new weekend 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 <u>suziqmo@aol.com</u> for details.

You can support the St. Vincent de Paul Society's Walk For The Poor by donating to this event online at <u>www.svdpusa.net/walk/1565</u> 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 Donations Needed

#### <u>FOOD PANTRY HOURS</u> 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.

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#### Sunday, September 10

10:00 AM	Religious Ed – Pre-K to 8	Plaistow
11:00 AM 11:00 AM	Religious Ed Parent Registration Mtg Baptism Catechesis	Plaistow Plaistow
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6:00 PM	Finance Council Meeting	Plaistow
	<u>Wednesday, September 13</u>	
9:30 AM	Eucharistic Adoration Begins	Plaistow
6:30 PM	Eucharistic Adoration Ends	Plaistow
6:30 PM	Catechist Mass, Dinner, and Meeting	Plaistow
7:00 PM	Reader Scripture Share	Plaistow
	Thursday, September 14	
8:30 AM	Eucharistic Adoration Begins	Newton
9:00 AM	Intercessory Prayer	Plaistow
8:30 PM	Eucharistic Adoration Ends	Newton
	Saturday, September 16	
3:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Plaistow
Sunday, September 17		
10:00 AM	Religious Education – Pre-K to 8	Plaistow
11:00 AM	Religious Education Parent Meeting	Plaistow
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#### **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.

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	September 9 ~ Vigil / 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time	
4:00 PM	<b>7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20</b> Jesselyn Driscoll by Anna Dubois <b>Plaistow</b>	
<u>Sunday, S</u> Ez 33:7	eptember 10 ~ 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time '-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20	
8:00 AM	Jeannette Halko by Janice Bettencourt <b>Newton</b>	
10:00 AM		
Monday, S	September 11 ~ Weekday	
8:00 AM	4—2:3; Lk 6:6-11 People of the Parish Newton	
	September 12 ~ The Most Holy Name of Mary -15; Lk 6:12-19	
	Intentions of Jake Collins by a friend <i>Plaistow</i>	
<u>Wednesda</u>	iy, September 13 ~ John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	
Col 3:1 6:30 PM	-11; Lk 6:20-26 James Doran (Birthday Remembrance)	
0.001	by Joe & Ann Marie Sheehan Plaistow	
	September 14 ~ Exaltation of the Holy Cross 4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17	
8:00 AM	People of the Parish	
	Newton	
Friday, Se 1 Tm 1:	<u>ptember 15 ~ Our Lady of Sorrows</u> :1-2, 12-14; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35 No Mass	
<u>Saturday,</u>	September 16 ~ Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs	
	:15-17; Lk 6:43-49 (Day)	
	80—28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35 (Vigil) Lousie Waters by Pat Zakiewicz Plaistow	
Sunday, September 17 ~ 24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time		
8:00 AM	<b>30—28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35</b> Anne Marie Zamierowski (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) by her family	
10:00 AM	<i>Newton</i> Jesselyn Driscoll by Gayle & Ed Wencis <i>Plaistow</i>	

#### 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.

## **SEPTEMBER 10, 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, 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.

#### 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.



Parish Readers are invited to a program of prayerful reading and reflection on the Sunday Scriptures. Using our Reader Workbooks, Readers will pray together and share insights about the upcoming Sunday Lectionary Readings. We meet in the Parish Hall on **Wednesdays** following the Wednesday evening Liturgy.

#### <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 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 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 Julie Lamere Youth Ministry Parish Council fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net csmith@stluketheevangelist.net jszczapa@stluketheevangelist.net jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net tkondel@stluketheevangelist.net music@stluketheevangelist.net jlamere@stluketheevangelist.net youth@stluketheevangelist.net parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net

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#### 37th ANNUAL SCOUT RETREAT!

All Girl & Boy Scouts in grades 6-12, and adult leaders, are invited to the Annual High Adventure Scout Retreat from Friday, September 15 to Sunday, September 17 at Camp Fatima in Gilmanton Iron Works, NH. The cost for this great adventure is just \$10 per scout and \$7 per adult. This is a very active retreat involving the scouts in fun, interesting, challenging, thought-provoking and faith-filled activities. Last year there were 200 attendees! For more information, or to register, please go to www.catholicnh.org/scout or you can contact Father Ray directly at FrRay3@gmail.com or 603-224-4393 x11. To retreats. see photos of past please visit www.facebook.com/nhscoutretreat. This is event sponsored by the Diocesan Catholic Scouting Committee & Fr. Ray Ball, Diocesan Scouting Director & Chaplain.

#### HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING & ATTENTION VETERANS

A terminal diagnosis can be a lonely experience. At a time when understanding is needed most, many Hospice patients find themselves isolated, even from family and friends. You can help end that isolation by becoming a Hospice volunteer. Throughout this training, you will learn how to provide compassionate support to those patients at the end of their life and to their families.

**Veterans** can provide a unique kind of persepective, compassion, care, and understanding for a fellow veteran who has a terminal diagnosis. Please consider becoming a Veteran to Veteran Hospice Volunteer. Training times are the same as stated below.

All volunteer training, sponsored by the Rockingham VNA & Hospice, will **begin on September 15, 2017 and continue each Friday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON through November 3, 2017.** Classes will be held at RVNA & Hospice at 137 Epping Road in Exeter, NH. There must be a minimum of 5 people registered for the training to be held. For more information or to register, please call Martha Carlson at 603-772-2981 ext. 140.

#### BEREAVEMENT GROUPS

<u>Catholic Charities NH</u> is offering a Bereavement Group at St. Anne's Church in Hampstead, NH beginning **Thursday**, **September 14, 2017**. The group will meet every other week from 1:30 to 3:00 PM to learn about and discuss the grieving process. If you are interested, please contact Judy Nelson at 603-893-1971 to register.

Rockingham VNA & Hospice is offering both an afternoon and evening Bereavement Group from **September 18 through October 24.** These groups are free but need 4 registered participants. The afternoon group meets at the Epping Regional Health Center on Route 125 in Epping, NH. The evening group meets at the Offices of RVNA & Hospice at 137 Epping Road in Exeter, NH. For more information, and to register, please call Molly Brewster at 603-772-2981.

#### K OF C – PARISH FUNDRAISER

The St Jude Council of the Knights of Columbus from our parish are hosting an Italian Festival as a fundraiser for our Parish. All net proceeds from the Festival will be donated by the Knights with the hope the monies can be used for the needed roof repairs at our Church.

The Festival will be held on Saturday, September 30 from 5:00 to 7:30 PM at the Parish Center. Chef Rudi Ferrandi will make his delicious homemade meatballs and sauce. There will be Italian music with a DJ, an Italian themed treasure chest, gift basket raffles, a 50/50 raffle and a special guest appearance by "Christopher Columbus."



The Knights welcome and appreciate help from our Parish community to make this event a huge success for our Parish. If you would like to donate a gift basket or items that could be used for a gift basket, please call Stephanie Meader at 603-974-2281 or email her at <u>smeader@comcast.net</u>. If you would like to help with set up or meal service, please contact Dave Meader at 603-974-3162.

The Knights ask that you invite friends, family and neighbors to attend the Festival. The meal will include salad, bread, and delicious desserts. Tickets will be sold at upcoming Masses in September as well as at the door. Ticket prices are \$9 for adults, \$5 for children, with a maximum amount of \$25 for parents and children. Takeout meals will be available.

Tickets will be on sale after Masses on the weekends of September 16-17 and September 23-24.

#### 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 call Henry Kopczynskie at 603-673-1311 or email him at <u>saintpatmusic@gmail.com</u>.

#### 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.

# BRING THE BIBLE TO LIFE AND LIVE SCRIPTURE EVERY DAY!!!!



Join us for six weeks of exploration of the Bible that equips you to apply the message of Scripture to your daily life.

**Six Weeks with the Bible** series, published by *Loyola Press*, is an ideal way to learn important background information on Scripture, experience praying God's Word, and discover the difference the Bible can make in your life today.

Our Fall Bible share groups will be exploring the theme "The Our Father" *Loyola Press* states: "If you want a prayer to help you pray, the best one to begin with is the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray—the Our Father. And if you want to deepen your understanding of the Our Father, a slow, careful reading of the prayer and of related Scripture passages is a good way to proceed."

If you are interested in joining a group either on Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. beginning September 19; Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m., beginning September 20; or Sunday after the 10 a.m. Mass, beginning September 24, please cut the form at the bottom and complete. Completed forms should be returned either in the collection basket or the parish office no later than Monday, September 11, so that books may be ordered and received on time for the first gathering. Any questions, contact Cathy Smith at 382-8324 or csmith@stluketheevangelist.net

# Groups will meet downstairs in the Church Hall

(There is an \$8 book fee)

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Name		
Address	Phone	
E-Mail	Cell Phone _	
	The Our Father (check one)	
Tuesdays at 9 a.m Sept. 19 – Oct.24	Wednesdays at 7 p.m Sept. 20 – Oct. 25	Sundays after Mass Sept. 24 – Oct. 28

# ✤ AROUND THE DIOCESE ✤



#### MARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH Did you know that ALL Catholics are required to be married in the Church as a condition of the validity of their marriage?

Any Catholic married in a civil ceremony (JP) or in any religious ceremony other than a Catholic one (unless specifically excepted by the Bishop) is not living out the Sacrament of Marriage in its fullness according to the teaching of the Church. Contact Father Albert at the parish office for more information.



#### STAY INFORMED WITH FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP NEWS

The Diocese of Manchester wants to inform Catholics about important public policy matters facing our elected officials. Faithful Citizenship News provides briefs on legislation as well as information about Catholic social teaching on some of today's pressing issues. To read the current issue of Faithful Citizenship News and to subscribe, visit www.catholicnh.org/fcnews.

#### CATHOLIC CHARITIES COUNSELING

New Hampshire Catholic Charities provides individual, marital, family, and couples' counseling, helping people with a variety of personal difficulties, including: Depression, Stress, Family Conflicts, Relationship Problems, Anxiety, Substance Abuse, Life Adjustment Issues, Grief and Loss. Counseling also helps individuals and families strengthen communication skills in order to build and sustain healthy relationships and live more satisfying lives. A sliding scale fee is offered. Contact Arlene Dody, LCMHC in Salem at 603-893-1971 for more information.

#### HOW TO MAKE A REPORT OF SEXUAL ABUSE

Child sexual abuse is a crime in the State of New Hampshire and the Church. New Hampshire law requires that anyone who has reason to suspect that a child is being or has been abused or neglected must make a report to the Division for Children, Youth & Families ("DCYF") of the State of New Hampshire, 1-800-894-5533. Any person who suspects or alleges child abuse on the part of a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer of a parish, school, or institution of the diocese of Manchester is also encouraged to make a report to the Office for Ministerial Conduct, 603-669-3100. Church personnel – clergy, paid employees, and volunteers - have additional reporting requirements if they believe that Church personnel have sexually abused a child. You can learn more about these reporting requirements on the diocesan website at www.catholicnh.org or by speaking with our Parish Safe Environment Coordinator, Cathy Smith at 382-8324.

#### The Pregnancy Care Center

The Pregnancy Care Center is a non-profit organization that offers its confidential services at no cost to its clients. We are committed to promoting the culture of life by assisting expectant parents in the birth and subsequent development of their child during his or her first year of life. We are also committed to helping young people embrace the virtues of chastity and continence as a sign of their Christian dignity.

> Main Center 496 Main St., Haverhill, MA (978-373-5700) <u>www.pccnortheast.org</u> Helpline: 866-254-4440



#### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Don't you and your spouse deserve a beautiful, romantic weekend away together? Get away from all those worldly anxieties and take time to just focus on each other by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance, and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend in New England. For more information, call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-9963 or visit www.wwme.org.

#### NH COUPLE ENRICHMENT CIRCLE

Have you attended a Marriage Encounter Weekend? If your answer is yes, you are invited to participate in the NH Couple Enrichment Circle to continue to strengthen your marriage relationship. For more information, contact David and Karen Demers at 617-480-9989 or ddemers@aviconpartners.com.

#### **RETROUVAILLE...A Lifeline**



Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille weekend. If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, we believe Retrouvaille can help you. For more information, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit <u>www.HelpOurMarriage.com</u>.

#### SUPPORT FOR DIVORCED AND SEPARATED

Divorce and separation can be painful experiences. Support groups are available to those who are seeking healing, comfort, and empowerment. Visit www.catholicnh.org/support for a listing of groups.



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# What raises the most money at our Parish Fair?

The biggest money maker at our Christmas Craft Fair is the **Silent Auction** and it needs many great items that will tempt our visitors to make their bids.

**You** might be only six-degrees away from knowing someone who could donate an awesome item! (Remember the six-degrees from Kevin Bacon game?)

Do you know someone who works for or owns any of the many New Hampshire or Massachusetts tourist attractions, resorts, restaurants or entertainment businesses?

Or do you know someone who might know someone who might know someone ... etc. ... who works for such an entity? Or ski resort ... ? Or sports team ... ? Or historical site/museum ... ?

# You get the picture ... we're looking for enticing items!

If you don't want to do the asking yourself, please let us have your contact's information and someone from the Silent Auction team will ask on your behalf.

# What else can you do to help the Silent Auction?

- Donate a collectible item, or a set of collectibles.
- Donate an antique or an item now considered kitsch.
- Donate sports memorabilia and/or tickets for a New Hampshire or New England sports team.
- Donate tickets to concerts or other entertainment for adults, children or families.
- Donate one or more any value scratch Lottery ticket for the Lottery Jar (expiration dates, if any, should be <u>after</u> November 5!)
- OR ... ask people and/or businesses who could donate these type of items.
- Items will be collected at church October 28 & 29.

If you have something to donate to the Silent Auction – or know someone who could be asked – please send a message for Craft Fair to <u>stlukenhfair@gmail.com</u>, or leave a message for Elaine Kindler at the Parish Office: 603-382-8324. *Thank you!*  St. Luke the Evangelist Parish Christmas Craft Fair

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# **Last Call for Vendors!**

A few spaces have become available for crafters and artists at this years' Christmas Craft Fair, to be held on November 4th.

If you – or someone you know – would like to be considered as a vendor for this year's St. Luke the Evangelist Christmas Craft Fair, a third and final jury period has been opened.

To apply, please contact Craft Fair at: <u>stlukenhfair@gmail.com.</u> Or, call St. Luke's Parish Office at 603-382-8324. Applications are also available at <u>http://stlukenh.org</u>

Applications must be received by Monday, October 16th.

# They're Here!

What's here? **Cash Raffle Tickets**, of course! Tickets are available now at the back of the church for the Christmas Craft Fair Cash Raffle.

The Cash Raffle needs lots & lots & lots of tickets sold to parishioners and – <u>especially</u> – to people outside the parish ... so, take some books of tickets to sell today!

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

If you have any questions or would like to help make our Christmas Craft Fair even more successful, please contact Elaine Kindler at <u>stlukenhfair@gmail.com</u> or call the Parish Office: 603-382-8324 *Thank you*!

# 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.

### $\Box \quad \textbf{CLASSROOM AIDE}$

*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**

### $\Box$ 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

# $\Box \quad \mathbf{GROUP} \ \mathbf{LEADER}$

*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.

## □ **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**

# $\Box$ 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.

# $\Box$ 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.



# The Hour of Awakening

By Mary Katharine Deeley

One of my favorite retreat exercises is to ask participants to think of a motto that could guide them for the rest of their lives. What fragment of a prayer, scriptural text, or saint quotation would let people know how you want to live your life?

If nothing comes to mind, I give them Bibles and invite them to skim the epistles and Gospels for possibilities, reminding them that this is their motto for today and that they can change it tomorrow.

Once they have their mottoes, I ask them to reflect on what it would look

# **Sunday Readings**

#### Ezekiel 33:7-9

You, son of man—I have appointed you as a sentinel for the house of Israel.

#### Romans 13:8-10

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

#### Matthew 18:15-20

[Jesus said,] "...Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." like if they lived with the motto always on their mind. The exercise helps focus people on what they do well and on what needs a little work.

Over the years, I've returned frequently to the beginning of the epistle that will be read on this day: "Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another." I remember when I've done that well and when—driven by anger, fear, or ego—I've fallen far short of the ideal. It has always appealed to me as a wonderful motto.

Today, however, I'm struck by Romans 13:11: "It is the hour now for you to wake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed."

I think there are many times when we're asleep and unaware of how we hurt others by what we say and do.

What if we saw everything as Christ did, touched everyone as Christ touched them?

If we put on Christ, we wouldn't need to tell people which words we hope will guide us. We'd simply become the living example to them. †

# *Live your motto. Live like Christ.*

# A Word From Pope Francis

If you are not capable of performing fraternal reproof with love, with charity, in truth and with humility, you will offend, damage that person's heart: you will create an extra tale that wounds and you will become a blind hypocrite, as Jesus says...a sign which perhaps can help us: when one sees something wrong and feels that he should correct it but perceives a certain pleasure in doing so, then it is time to pay attention, because that is not the Lord's way. In the Lord there is always...the dif-

ficulty of doing something good.

—Morning meditation, September 12, 2014





- Do I find the idea of charitable correction uncomfortable? Why or why not?
- How willing am I to receive correction from my peers? My spouse? My child? My boss?



# How Can I Be Expected to Love My Enemies?

By Fr. William H. Shannon

**L** ove my enemies? What in the world is Jesus thinking about: Why, there are times when I have trouble loving some of my *friends*! How can I possibly be expected to love my enemies?

If that's your reaction, you have lots of company. To reflect prayerfully about these strong words of Jesus, let me point out that this command is one of four different love commands in the Gospels.

First, there is the general Christian responsibility to "love God above all and your neighbor as yourself." Then there is the general Christian responsibility in today's second reading to "love your neighbor as yourself." Then there is the command that relates the disciples of Jesus to one another. Jesus says, "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you" (John 15:12). Finally there is the command that calls for a love that includes everybody. It's not enough to love friendly neighbors or other disciples. We must love without limits. For Jesus says: "I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you" (Matthew 5:44).

The first two commands make sense. Peace and harmony in family and society come from loving those we are close to. The disciples' loving of one another, though demanding at times, also makes good sense. For Jesus' disciples are called to imitate him. But the command, "Love your enemies," doesn't seem to make any sense at all. It seems to go against fundamental principles of justice and the duty we have to love ourselves and not allow ourselves to be victimized by others.

#### No Wiggle Room

The maddening thing is that this central teaching of Jesus is so all-inclusive. It allows us no wiggle room. We cannot choose which enemies we will love and which we will not. Nor can our love be simply an attitude. We have to act. We must do good to them even if they hate us. We must ask God's blessings for them even if they curse us. We have to pray for them even if they mistreat us.

The love Jesus calls us to is unconditional. It brooks no ifs. It's a love that

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There's a story about a rabbi who was discussing with his disciples the difference between day and night: "When," he asked, "does the night end and the day begin?" One disciple replied, "Is it the moment when you can tell the difference between a sheep and a dog?" "No" the rabbi approard "it ign't that"

"Is it the moment when you can tell the difference between a sheep and a dog?" "No," the rabbi answered, "it isn't that." Then peering deeply into their eyes, he said, "It is the moment when you look into the face you have never seen before and recognize the stranger as a sister or brother. Until that time comes, no matter how bright the day, it is still night for you."

says, "I love you, no matter what you do

**Finding Our Sisters and Brothers** 

or say, for you are the image of God."

A moving story, but we have to take it a bit further. We have to be able to look into the faces of neighbors we *have* seen and responded to with anger, impatience, ill will. To look into the face of such people and see a sister or brother: This is the kind of unconditional, nonviolent love to which Jesus calls each of us. †



Lord, I am grateful for your gifts of love, mercy, and forgiveness. Help me to share these gifts with those who have hurt me. Amen.

> From Grateful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeny

WEEKDAY READINGS

Bringing Home

the Word

September 10, 2017

September 11–16

- Mon. Weekday: Col 1:24—2:3 / Lk 6:6–11 Tue. Weekday: Col 2:6–15 / Lk 6:12–19
- Wed. St. John Chrysostom: Col 3:1–11 / Lk 6:20–26
- Thu. Exaltation of the Holy Cross: Nm 21:4b-9 / Phil 2:6-11 / Jn 3:13-17
- Fri. Our Lady of Sorrows: 1 Tm 1:1–2, 12–14 / Jn 19:25–27 or Lk 2:33–35
- Sat. Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian: 1 Tm 1:15–17 / Lk 6:43–49

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