



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, October 15, 2017
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM
8:00 AM

Gathering: As We Gather At Your Table BB 311

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 103)

The Lord is kind and merciful. (2x)

Preparation You Have Called Us BB 644

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion: Eat This Bread BB 336
Bread For The World BB 349

Recessional: Let All Things Now Living BB 586

10:00 AM

Gathering: Table Of Plenty BB 310

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 23)

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

Preparation Behold The Lamb BB 338
Here I Am, Lord BB 376

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion: The Cry Of The Poor BB 615
In The Breaking Of The Bread BB 325

Recessional: We Are The Light Of The World BB 595



St. Luke the Evangelist is now on Facebook! Go to www.facebook.com/stlukenh.org/ or **St. Luke the Evangelist Parish – Newton/Plaitow** 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!

OFFERTORY AMOUNTS FOR
OCTOBER 8, 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

- October 15, 2017 Fuel
- October 22, 2017 World Missions
- October 29, 2017 No Second Collection
- November 1, 2017 All Saints Day



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

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 ✠

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Youth, parents, young adults and any other interested parishioners are invited to join Father Albert for a conversation on Youth & Young Adult ministry in the Parish. We will explore possible programs and outreach opportunities for middle school students, high school and young adults. Your ideas are important! Join us in the Saint Joseph Room in the Parish Hall following 10 AM Liturgy on **Sunday, October 8 and Sunday, October 15.**

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.

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.

READER WORKBOOKS

The new Reader workbooks are available in the sacristy of both churches.



Christmas Craft Fair

The biggest money maker at our Christmas Craft Fair is the **Silent Auction** – it needs great items. **You might be only six-degrees away from knowing someone who could donate an awesome item!**

Do you know anyone who works for, owns, or knows someone who works for or owns any of New Hampshire's/Massachusetts' tourist attractions? ski resorts? sports teams? historical sites/museums?

- ❖ Can **you** donate a collectible item, or a set of collectibles, an antique or an item now considered kitsch?
- ❖ What about sports memorabilia and/or tickets for a New Hampshire or New England sports team?
- ❖ Why not donate tickets to concerts or other entertainment – for adults, children or families ... OR a scratch Lottery ticket for the Lottery Jar (expiration dates, if any, should be after November 5!)?

OR ... ask people and/or businesses who could donate these type of items?

Items will be collected October 28 & 29.

If you have something to donate to the Silent Auction – or know someone who could be asked – please send a message to stlukenhfair@gmail.com, or leave a message for Elaine Kindler at the Parish Office: 603-382-8324. Thank you!

FREE PIANO

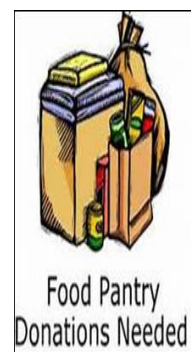
The Parish has a piano in Newton that it no longer needs. The piano is free but you would need to pick it up yourself. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Albert at 382-8324 or fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ONLINE REGISTRATION

Parents can now register their children for our Religious Education program online. Just go to our website at www.stlukenh.org, choose the Religious Education tab, and click on the registration link. This will give you the option of registering and paying online.

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 FALL...

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

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

✠ **WEEKLY CALENDAR** ✠

Sunday, October 15
10:00 AM Religious Education – Pre-K to 8 *Plaistow*
11:00 AM Scripture Share – Our Father *Plaistow*
11:00 AM Youth & Young Adult Ministry Mtg *Plaistow*

Tuesday, October 17
9:00 AM Scripture Share – Our Father *Plaistow*
6:00 PM Finance Council Meeting *Plaistow*

Wednesday, October 18
9:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration Begins *Plaistow*
6:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration Ends *Plaistow*
7:00 PM Reader Scripture Share *Plaistow*
7:00 PM Scripture Share – Our Father *Plaistow*
7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting *Plaistow*

Thursday, October 19
8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration Begins *Newton*
9:00 AM Intercessory Prayer *Plaistow*
8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration Ends *Newton*

Saturday, October 21
3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

Sunday, October 22
10:00 AM Religious Education – Pre-K to 8 *Plaistow*
11:00 AM Scripture Share – Our Father *Plaistow*
4:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council Meeting *Plaistow*

✠ **MASS INTENTIONS** ✠

Saturday, October 14 ~ Vigil / 28th Sunday Ordinary Time
Is 25:6-10a; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14
4:00 PM Daniel J. O'Leary (10th Anniversary)
 by Colleen and Mark Hammond
Plaistow

Sunday, October 15 ~ 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 25:6-10a; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14
8:00 AM Jo-Ann Bourdelais (10th Anniversary)
 by her family
Newton
10:00 AM Martin & Florence Fogel and Frank Kelcourse
 by Elaine Kelcourse
Plaistow

Monday, October 16 ~ Hedwig, Religious:
Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32
8:00 AM Michael Scio by his family
Newton

Tuesday, October 17 ~ Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop
and Martyr
Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41
8:00 AM Donald King by his wife, Barbara
Plaistow

Wednesday, October 18 ~ Luke, Evangelist
2 Tm 4:10-17b; 10:1-9
6:30 PM For Michael and his recovery
Plaistow

Thursday, October 19 ~ John de Brebeuf and
Isaac Jogues, Priests
Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54
8:00 AM People of the Parish
Newton

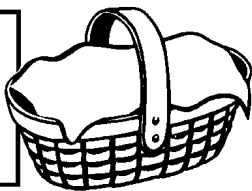
Friday, October 20 ~ Paul of the Cross, Priest
Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7
No Mass

Saturday, October 21 ~ Weekday
Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12 (Day)
Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21 (Vigil)
4:00 PM Intentions of Mary Coltin and Paul & Lucia O'Leary
 by Mark and Colleen Hammond
Plaistow

Sunday, October 22 ~ 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21
8:00 AM John Marciano (15th Anniversary) by his family
Newton
10:00 AM Msgr. Eugene Murphy
 by Florence & Ray Cooper
Plaistow

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

**St. Vincent
de Paul
Society**



Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

Our Bake Sale was a huge success thanks everyone who baked and bought! And, our Walk for the Poor was very successful, thanks to the walkers and those that donated! We couldn't do it without you!

Our next meeting on **Wednesday, October 18 at 7:00 PM**. We meet downstairs in the Church Hall in Plaistow. **New members are always welcome!**

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

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

PRAYER LINE

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

✠ FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION ✠

ALL PARISHES WITHIN THE DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER ARE RESTORING THE ORIGINAL ORDER OF CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION BETWEEN 2018-2021

In the early church, people were initiated into the community at one single event. They were baptized, anointed with chrism, and shared in the Eucharist. The sacraments, over time, have been separated from one another and this happened for a variety of reasons.

The Second Vatican Council asked the Church to make it more clear that Confirmation is intimately connected with Baptism and the whole of Christian initiation. This also helps us to see that Eucharist completes our initiation into the Church.

Go to www.catholicnh.org/lifelong for more information.



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.

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.

RCIA

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

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

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

PARENTS BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION


The monthly preparation session for infant Baptism will be held after the 10:00 AM Liturgy on **Sunday, November 5, 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
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✠ Parish News ~ Youth News ~ Around The Diocese ✠

 *In Loving Memory*

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Rev. Maurice Lavigne

James E. Mansfield

Miriam C. Johnson

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.

VOLUNTEER FOR LIFE

If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity to use your talents and work with an amazing group of volunteers that value life, then Birthright of Southern NH has an opportunity for you. In-office volunteers work as little as one day a month on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 10:30 AM to 3:30 PM providing love, compassion, and resource information to women troubled by an unplanned pregnancy (training is provided). Life is God's gift to us; what we do with our talents is our gift to God. Please call 434-3000 to become part of the Birthright family.



SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle at Mary, Mother of the Church will burn this week for the

Intentions of the Daniels Family

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.amazonmile.com. For questions, please call the Parish Office at 603-382-8324. Be sure to choose:

St Luke the Evangelist Parish, Plaistow.

THANK YOU FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The St Jude Council of the Knights of Columbus would like to thank the members of St. Luke's for their wonderful support of our Italian Festival on September 30. The Knights also want to thank everyone that donated a gift basket or an item(s) to the Treasure Chest. The raffles were a big success. Our thanks to all the Knights that volunteered and to the chairpersons, Dave and Stephanie Meader and to Rudi Ferrandi and his family for preparing the meal. The Italian Festival realized a profit of \$1,461 that was donated by the Knights to our Parish for the "Raise the Roof" capital improvement program.

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE**

There is no one more special, more treasured than a child and St. Thomas Aquinas High School not only recognizes that fact, but celebrates it. On **Sunday, October 22 at 1:00 PM and on Monday, October 23 at 6:00 PM**, St. Thomas Aquinas High School welcomes prospective students and their families to visit. Families will have an opportunity to tour the campus, meet with current students, interact with faculty members, realize financial aid opportunities, and dialogue with members of the greater St. Thomas Aquinas community. To learn more, please visit: www.stalux.org.

VIANNEY

Vianney, the inspiring live production performed by Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions, will be presented at Saint Kathryn Church in Hudson on **Monday, October 30 at 7:00 PM**. Experience the gripping story of Saint John Vianney, the humble priest who battled the devil to save souls. Filled with all of the elements of professional theater, the production runs 90 minutes and is suitable for ages 9 and up. **For tickets and additional information**, contact Charlene Maniotis at Saint Kathryn Parish Office at 603-882-7793 or charlene.maniotis@stkathryns.org or visit www.stkathryns.org

SABBATH – TAKING TIME AWAY FOR YOU AND GOD

**Our Lady of Hope House of Prayer
November 3-5, 2017**

Registration Deadline – October 20, 2017

Spend the weekend reflecting on our inherent need for the rhythm of rest in our lives. Discuss ideas for weaving into your busy days simple but meaningful practices to help you be better able to care for yourself and others. There will be ample time for quiet, personal reflection and stillness. For more information, or to register, contact Sisters Rita Pay or Suzanne Rivard, p.m. at olhope1@yahoo.com.



ADORATION

We are truly blessed to have times for Eucharistic 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 also a great source of grace for us as a Parish family.

IMPORTANT

We presently have over 20 hours of adoration between our two churches. In Plaistow on Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., and in Newton on Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. Thank you to each person who has consistently come each week for an hour or more. It is our goal to have 2 people covering each hour. Each week we have been faced with additional people unable to continue to commit to their hour or people going away for vacation and unable to find a substitute.

We welcome and invite anyone interested in Adoration to contact Cathy Smith at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net or call 832-8324. Eucharistic Adoration is a marvelous way to quiet oneself and to offer prayer before Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

Adoration

Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament draws the worshiper into spiritual communion with God. Whether done on one's own time or at a scheduled service, adoration of the eucharistic presence of Christ fosters our devotion for participation in the Mass.

Jesus instituted the Eucharist for our eating and drinking. Sharing communion at Mass brings us nourishment, healing and sustenance. There is no substitute for participation in the Eucharist; adoration should enhance it, not replace it.

Catholics reserve leftover communion breads in a tabernacle. The primary purpose for this custom is to have the Body of Christ ready for the dying at any time. The tabernacle also provides communion for the sick or those unable to come to Mass. Because it houses the sacramental Body of Christ, it serves as a place for adoration.

Adoration may be private or public. When adoring the Blessed Sacrament in private, Catholics usually go to any church, where the communion hosts are kept inside the tabernacle. They say whatever prayers they wish. Public adoration may take place in the context of a brief service (traditionally called "Benediction" although that only refers to the blessing which concludes it) or over a more extended period of time. The Blessed Sacrament is usually presented for adoration outside the tabernacle on an altar or a stand.

Extended periods of adoration used to be common. They filled the void for people who were not receiving communion frequently. However, in the twentieth century, the church has urged people to more frequent communion and has forbidden exposition during Mass. Participation in the Eucharist at Mass accomplishes spiritual communion more perfectly and renders simultaneous adoration unnecessary. Prolonged periods of adoration may happen in church where a large number of the faithful are gathering and when the bishop has given his approval. If Mass is celebrated, the Blessed Sacrament should be returned to the tabernacle.

Whether the Blessed Sacrament is inside or outside the tabernacle, adoration may invite us into prayer and prepare us for the Eucharist.

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!

For further information send a

message to 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



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.)

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 3pm to 6pm

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!

For further information send a message to stlukenhfair@gmail.com, or leave a message for Elaine Kindler at the Parish Office: 603-382-8324. *Thank you!*

RAISE THE ROOF!



**THE ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT
AND CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR
SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH**

After all the waiting, after all the planning... it is time to begin raising funds to replace the roofs on our Plaistow campus. Work to replace the roofs on Holy Angels Church, our Parish Center/Preschool, the Parish Office and Convent will cost \$ 150,000.00.

How can you help?

**Any contribution is welcome. Make checks payable to
*Saint Luke the Evangelist – Capital Campaign.***

CAPITAL FUND DRIVE FOR SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH

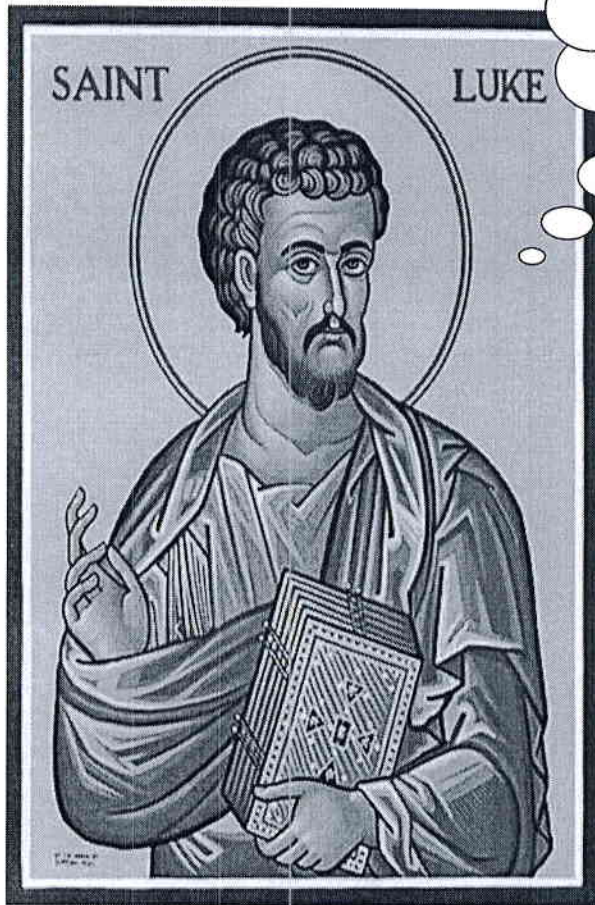
Our Parish has additional needs beyond the roof project on the Plaistow campus. Our Finance Council has identified the following capital projects that also require funding:

Newton parking lot	\$ 6,000.00 (estimated)
Plaistow parking lot	\$ 19,700.00 (estimated)
Newton Church lighting	\$ 5,000.00 (estimated)

Our Diocese has authorized the Parish to sponsor a Capital Campaign drive with a goal of \$ 250,000.00. The projects we envision would be supplemented by additional projects (Plaistow church access ramp, Plaistow office building & convent windows, Newton rectory interior flooring, Newton church & rectory painting) as funds became available.

Can you help?

Making a Capital Campaign commitment is a prudent, practical, and responsible form of stewardship toward our Parish. Nearly everyone believes in a commitment when dealing with personal financial affairs, when arranging for loans or other forms of credit, or when saving for future expenditures. Now is the time to use this same kind of reasoning and common sense to care for our combined interests as a Parish community. It would be impossible to raise enough money through cash donations or “gifts of convenience.” We must rely on everyone to plan a personal three-year goal of generosity and then accomplish it, one step at a time. With the spirit of equal sacrifice—not equal gifts—our commitment relies on the spiritual values of sacrifice and faith.



*Our patron saint is
thinking about
electronic giving...*

Why don't you think about it too?

**Parish Giving is a simple,
secure and convenient way to
manage your stewardship
without weekly envelopes and
without worries.**

- Parish Giving allows you to select contribution amounts and special collections right from your own computer or smartphone
- 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.
- Log on to the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish website <http://stlukenh.org>, click on the Parish Giving logo and follow the easy registration instructions.

Parish Giving

Saint Luke the Evangelist

8 Atkinson Depot Road Plaistow, NH 03865 TEL (603) 382-8324 FAX (603) 382-1113

Dear Parishioners,

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish has decided to modernize our offertory program to augment and better manage your stewardship dollars. Our Parish uses **Parish Giving** to provide our parishioners with an opportunity to make your offertory and other contributions through Electronic Funds Transfer. The program is available at no cost to parishioners.

What is Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)

- EFT is the mechanism that allows you to make a transaction directly from your bank account to the Parish on a pre-determined schedule. You may also use credit cards to make these transactions. Your financial information is safeguarded using Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) technologies, the same encryption technology employed by banks and other financial institutions.

How does this help Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish?

- EFT benefits the Parish in many ways. By the very nature of automated giving, the Parish will experience an increase in the amount received each month because there will be no missed weeks due to illness, vacation, inclement weather, etc. Further, budgeting becomes an easier task as fluctuations in individual giving is all but eliminated

How does it work?

- To enroll in the program, logon to Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish at www.stlukenh.org and click on the link for **Parish Giving**. This will bring you to the Parish Giving home page where you start the initial registration process. After completing the registration, you can pick your preferred payment method (bank transfer or credit card). Due to the inevitable credit card fees, we do ask you to consider bank transfer if it is within your means. Once that is complete you will be directed to a different page that lists our parish's various contribution opportunities.

When can I start?

- You can begin this program immediately. For more information please consult the FAQ's on the Parish Giving home page

Please prayerfully consider whether this convenient program might be a viable option for you. It will go a long way in fortifying the fiscal health of our Parish community.

Father Albert, obl. SB
Pastor

**Parish Giving can also be used for
contributions to the Capital Campaign to
"Raise the Roof!"**

The Gospel for All Ages

Family Catechesis

Pflaum Gospel
Weeklies
FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 15, 2017 • The Parable of the Wedding Feast

Sunday Readings: Isaiah 25:6-10; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-10

Weekly Discussion Questions

For the Parish Bulletin

Life Question: What is your most common reason for refusing an invitation to a wedding or to other events?

Gospel Question: In what ways can you imagine the Kingdom of Heaven is like a wedding feast?

FOR PARISHIONERS, BY AGE GROUP

LIFE AND GOSPEL QUESTIONS BY AGE LEVEL

Exploring the Sunday Readings (Adults)

Life Question: What are the present-day issues that will construct the future our children and grandchildren will have? Visit exploringthesundayreadings.com

Visions (Grades 7-8)

Life Question: With whom do you eat? Who belongs to the groups you eat with?

Gospel Question: Who does Jesus include in the groups with whom he eats?

Venture (Grades 4-6)

Life Question: Who is hungry in our world?

Gospel Question: Why does Jesus make a party the image of God's Kingdom?

Good News (Grades 2-3)

Life Question: What is an invitation you like to receive?

Gospel Question: What is the feast to which Jesus invites us?

Promise (Grades K-1)

Life Question: Who invites you to parties?

Gospel Question: When do we visit God's house?

Seeds (Preschool)

Life Question: Who comes to Jesus' party?

Gospel Question: When does Jesus invite us to his party?

Family Corner

About the Gospel

If you were invited to a party, would you go? In today's Gospel, the guests who were invited did not come, so the host invited strangers. Every Sunday, we are invited to come to God's house. Sometimes we may not feel like going, but God is waiting eagerly for our arrival.

Visit www.usccb.org/bible/readings to read this Sunday's Scripture.

In Church

Look at how the altar is set for our feast, the Eucharist. Imagine that God has sent you an invitation to this celebration today.

Question of the Week



Why do you get excited about parties but forget that the best celebration is with God on Sunday?

Family Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for sending us an invitation to be a part of your family and to come to your celebration every Sunday!

Rincón de la Familia

Acerca del Evangelio

Si te invitaran a una fiesta, ¿irías? En el Evangelio de hoy, las personas que estaban invitadas no fueron, entonces el anfitrión invitó a personas desconocidas. Cada domingo, estamos invitados a la casa de Dios. A veces tal vez no tenemos ganas de ir, pero Dios espera con ganas nuestra llegada.

Visita www.usccb.org/bible/readings para leer las lecturas de este domingo.

En la Iglesia

Mira cómo se prepara el altar para nuestra fiesta, la Eucaristía. Imagina que Dios te envió una invitación a esta celebración hoy.

Pregunta de la semana



¿Por qué te emocionas con las fiestas pero te olvidas que la mejor celebración es con Dios los domingos?

Oración en familia

¡Señor, gracias por enviarnos una invitación para ser parte de tu familia y para ir a tu celebración cada domingo!

✠ PARISH MINISTRIES & INFORMATION ✠

JOIN THE CHOIR!

Why not join the Choir? We have lots of fun, work hard, and singing is a great way to worship! We rehearse on Sundays following the 11:00 AM Mass in Plaistow. You don't have to know how to read music to join – come on down!



ALTAR SERVERS

Students wanting to become **Altar Servers** at Liturgy are welcome to see Father Albert for more information. We welcome any student who has celebrated their First Eucharist to become an **Altar Server**. Training typically begins with the new server being an “observer” until they are ready to function as servers. Parents – call the Parish Office for more information at 382-8324.



READERS WANTED

Our Parish community is in need of new **READERS** for weekend and weekday Liturgies. Readers proclaim the readings and lead the Assembly in the General Intercessions on Sundays. A good heart and clear speaking voice are the only qualifications needed – all other training and materials are provided. Any adult or high school age student is welcome to become a **READER**. Anyone who is interested can see Father Albert. Prospective **READERS** can also call the Parish Office for more information at 382-8324.

GREETERS AND USHERS WANTED

Our Parish community is in need of **GREETERS** and **USHERS** to assist us at the weekend liturgies. **Greeters** are principally concerned with offering a welcome to all who come through the doors of our churches, distributing the weekly Bulletin and making guests feel part of our Parish. They also help designate people to bring up the gifts during the offertory. The ministry of **Usher** is also concerned with hospitality; helping with the collections at Mass, helping people who need handicap access to the church in Plaistow, and helping to designate people to bring up the gifts during the offertory. Couples or families are invited to serve together! Anyone who is interested can see Father Albert. Prospective **GREETERS** and **USHERS** can also call the Parish Office for more information at 382-8324.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers are a special opportunity for remembering a departed loved one or offering thanksgiving for a blessing or family event. A floral arrangement placed in front of the altar for the Sunday Liturgy can be purchased for an offering of \$50, with an accompanying announcement in the weekly bulletin. Availability is limited according to the Liturgical Calendar. Offerings can be reserved on a first-come basis by contacting the Parish Office at 382-8324.

HOSPITAL VISITATION

If you or someone you know is in the hospital and wants to receive a visit, please contact the parish office at 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.

PRAYER LINE

St. Luke's offers a prayer line as a resource for those seeking prayer assistance. Submit your prayer request to csmith@stluketheevangelist.net or call 382-8324, ext. 314.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST JUDE COUNCIL #6617 SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

The St. Jude Council is a vital part of your parish. We are a Catholic men's fraternal organization whose main purposes are charitable works and supporting our parish and community. We are involved with many activities during the year, including: A yearly Golf Tournament to raise money to help local families in need; Blood Drives; A Wedding Vows/Valentine's Day Meal & Dance; Food Baskets; Family Pool Party & BBQ. This is just a small sampling of the many activities of the St. Jude Council. We offer opportunities not just for the men, but for our members' entire family, including a Squires Club for young men between the ages of 10 and 18. The only requirement for membership is that you are a practicing Catholic who wants to join other men and their families of the parish to help those who are in need, support your parish, and enjoy the fellowship of other members and their families. If you would like to find out more about the Knights, please contact Bernie Gosselin at 603-642-4012.



Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time | October 15, 2017

Joining God's Feast

By Mary Katharine Deeley

When I was growing up, Thanksgiving and Christmas were always great feasts in our house. Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, and corn were on the menu in November. The December food lineup substituted roast beef for turkey, and my father would pour a little sip of sparkling wine for each of us kids—a once-a-year treat.

My mother always made a little extra, “because,” she said, “you never know when a guest might come by.” Sure enough, in one year or another, one of us would invite someone or a neighbor would stop in. There was always plenty, and we would feast and tell stories into the night.

Those memories and the ones I make

with my own family now are as close as I can come to the banquet Isaiah and Jesus describe, and I’m sure they’re no match for that great feast in heaven.

But I think I know why Isaiah and Jesus use the metaphor. There is something sensual and earthy about gathering around a table with family and friends. It begins with the smells wafting through the house, the noise in the kitchen, the setting of the table with more than the everyday plates. We dress a little more carefully.

We are preparing for our family banquet. No matter what food is on the table, we’ll be fed with love that draws us in and accepts us simply because we are family.

Love is the gift we bring to the table, and love is the gift we receive in the act of breaking bread with one another. Our love feast needs our care and attention.

And God’s feast deserves no less. †

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 25:6–10a

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples.

Philippians 4:12–14, 19–20

I have the strength for everything through him who empowers me.

Matthew 22:1–14

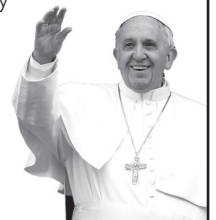
Many are invited, but few are chosen.

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A Word From Pope Francis

Man takes control of everything. He believes he is God, he believes he is king. And wars...they do not exactly help to sow the seed of life but to destroy. It is an industry of destruction. It is also a system, also of life, that when things cannot be fixed they are discarded: we discard children, we discard the old, we discard unemployed youth. This devastation has created the culture of waste....May the Lord help us and give us the grace of...hope, [and] also the grace of courage to emerge from all this destruction.

— Homily, Solemnity of All Saints, November 1, 2014



REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- What attitudes do I regularly bring with me to Mass?
- Is Mass about my pleasure or God’s glory?



God Invites Us to His Table Because He Loves Us

By Richard Rohr, OFM

God does not love us because we deserve it but because we need it. Does that sound startling? It shouldn't. If there is one prime idea in the Bible, it is God's undeserved love for what he has created. There is no accounting for God's love. It is not earned. There is nothing we can do to attain it or lose it. All we can do is surrender to it, trust it, and let it flow through us.

The significant difference in this world is not between those who are worthy of God's love and those who are not. (In truth, we are all unworthy to various degrees.) The significant difference is between those who know and enjoy God's love and those who do not. God does not love us because we are good. We are good because God loves us. That is a major transformation of consciousness! It moves us from life as an obstacle course to life as a banquet to be eaten and shared.

We may be uncomfortable with this truth, especially if we think in terms of a merit system where we can change God's feelings about us by doing good or evil. We cannot absorb this good news through conventional thinking, but rather the gospel must eliminate our attitudes of merit, reward, and punishment.

Before conversion, we often view God as a parent who controls, punishes, and rewards according to legitimate criteria. But God's love doesn't work that way. We

can never keep our side of the bargain, measure up, or be good enough. But that does not keep God from loving us.

Covenant of Love

This is what makes the Bible extraordinary and different from other literature. It conveys the great and central theme of grace: God's unearned favor is his steadfast, unilateral covenant of love. The merit system has been destroyed once and for all!

Human love depends upon the merits of something or someone: Is a person worthy of my love? Is he or she attractive? It's because we find something good and beautiful that we are attracted to it. That's the only way we know how to love. God's love, however, is different because the object does not determine it. It is determined by the subject, by God's self. By loving us, God is being true to God's self—not working out some arithmetic about our degree of worthiness.

Perhaps nowhere in the Bible do we see God's covenant love manifested more than in the recurring theme of the free but resented banquet. For example, in today's Gospel the king sends his servants to call everyone to a wedding feast. (Note the symbolism of loving union.) But one

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by one, the invited guests make excuses. They are not interested.

The master becomes furious and sends out his servants again, this time into the main roads to invite "whomever you find," bad and good alike. The banquet hall is finally filled—not with the "worthy" but with the willing!

God's Inclusiveness

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus invokes banquet symbolism on many occasions. Along with the little child, it seems to be his primary metaphor. He eats with sinners, invites outcasts to share a meal, does not wash his hands or the food, and allows a woman to dine at a symposium for men. He always expands the meaning of the table, even breaking social conventions to communicate the hospitality and inclusivity of God.

If we are grateful and confident in God's grace, we will spend our lives trying to give back to others what has been so graciously given to us and invite all of God's children to God's table.†



Lord, I am grateful you guide us along safe paths. Help me to remain close to you and walk with you all the days of my life.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS

October 16–21

Mon. Weekday:
Rom 1:1–7 / Lk 11:29–32

Tue. St. Ignatius of Antioch:
Rom 1:16–25 / Lk 11:37–41

Wed. St. Luke:
2 Tm 4:10–17b / Lk 10:1–9

Thu. Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues:
Rom 3:21–30 / Lk 11:47–54

Fri. Weekday:
Rom 4:1–8 / Lk 12:1–7

Sat. Weekday:
Rom 4:13, 16–18 / Lk 12:8–12

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