



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, October 22, 2017
 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in
 Ordinary Time

4:00 PM
 8:00 AM

Gathering: Sing A New Song BB 543
 Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 103)
The Lord is kind and merciful. (2x)
 Preparation Christ, Be Our Light BB 594
 Mass Parts Mass of Creation
 Communion: I Received The Living God BB 357
 I Am The Living Bread BB 356
 Recessional: All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name
 BB 724

10:00 AM

Gathering: Gather Us In BB 302
 Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 23)
**Shepherd me, O God, beyond my
 wants, beyond my fears, from
 death into life.**
 Preparation Christ Be Our Light BB 594
 All Are Welcome BB 413
 Mass Parts Mass of Creation
 Communion: Bread, Blessed And Broken BB 326
 One Bread, One Body BB 339
 Recessional: For You Are My God BB 428



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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!

Offertory October 8, 2017 **\$6,857.06**

Offertory October 15, 2017 **\$6,642.40**
Fuel **\$1,967.27**

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 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 ✠



ALL SAINTS DAY MASS SCHEDULE

During the month of November, the Church celebrates the memorial of All Souls. It is a time when we as God's people take the opportunity to remember and pray for all those who have died.

Recalling what St. Paul says in his first letter to the Corinthians that **"Christ has been raised from the dead...so too in Christ shall all be brought to life,"** we keep our eyes fixed on the promise of the Resurrection and we likewise ask those who have died to pray for us so that we might complete our journey of faith united to the grace of God.

We will remember all our loved ones who have died at the following Masses of Remembrance: **Tuesday, October 31 at 6:30 PM in Plaistow, on All Saints Day, Wednesday, November 1 at 8:00 AM in Newton and on All Souls Day, Thursday, November 2 at 6:30 PM in Plaistow.** All are invited to attend.

PLEASE NOTE that there will be NO 8:00 AM Mass on Tuesday, October 31, NO 6:30 PM Mass on Wednesday, November 1 and NO 8:00 AM Mass on Thursday, November 2.

THE BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

Throughout November, a special *Book of the Names of the Dead* will be opened near the Baptismal Font & Paschal Candle for parishioners to record the names of the faithful departed. It is a visible sign that the faithful departed remain with us as part of the Church. You are welcome to record names of loved ones and the dates of their death.



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.



DON'T FORGET....
Turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on **Saturday, November 4!**

Get Ready!

Please see today's special Christmas Craft Fair insert for things needed and dates on which they're being collected.

Get Set!

Please check the sign-up sheets for how you can help with Café preparation, decorating, set up and/or break-down, etc. Many hands make light work!

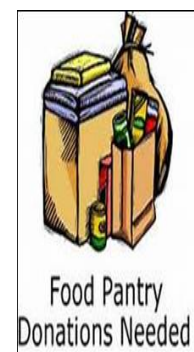
GO!

Take a yard sign. Put a banner in your car/truck window. Sell Cash raffle tickets. Invite everyone you know and see to our Christmas Craft Fair on November 4th!

Got questions? Please contact Elaine Kindler at stlukenhfair@gmail.com or leave a message for her at the **Parish Office: 603-382-8324** Thank you!

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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

✠ **WEEKLY CALENDAR** ✠

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*

Tuesday, October 24
9:00 AM Scripture Share – Our Father *Plaistow*

Wednesday, October 25
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*

Thursday, October 26
8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration Begins *Newton*
9:00 AM Intercessory Prayer *Plaistow*
8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration Ends *Newton*

Saturday, October 28
3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

Sunday, October 29
10:00 AM Religious Education – Pre-K to 8 *Plaistow*
11:00 AM Scripture Share – Our Father *Plaistow*

✠ **MASS INTENTIONS** ✠

Saturday, October 21 ~ Vigil / 29th Sunday Ordinary Time
Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21
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

Monday, October 23 ~ John of Capistrano, Priest
Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21
8:00 AM James Mansfield (Month’s Mind)
Newton

Tuesday, October 24 ~ Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Lk 12:35-38
8:00 AM RJ Desrocher by May Gallagher
Plaistow

Wednesday, October 25 ~ Weekday
Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48
6:30 PM Mary Anne Lesiczka by Verna Carbone
Plaistow

Thursday, October 26 ~ Weekday
Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53
8:00 AM People of the Parish
Newton

Friday, October 27 ~ Weekday
Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59
No Mass

Saturday, October 28 ~ Simon and Jude, Apostles
Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16 (Day)
Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40 (Vigil)
4:00 PM Kevin Gallant (Birthday Remembrance)
 by Patricia Gallant and family
Plaistow

Sunday, October 29 ~ 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40
8:00 AM Norman Cote by Marge Anderson
Newton
10:00 AM William Scully by his wife, Arleen
Plaistow

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



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, November 15 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 ✠

CONFIRMATION IS NOT A SACRAMENT OF MATURITY IN THE FAITH NOR DOES IT IMPLY AN ADULT COMMITMENT TO THE FAITH.

For quite some time, many Catholics have referred to the sacrament of Confirmation as kind of a right of passage in the faith. Confirmation is, and always has been, a sacrament of initiation, not transition or graduation. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says this: "Although Confirmation is sometimes called the 'sacrament of maturity,' we must not confuse adult Faith with the adult age of natural growth...St. Thomas reminds us of this: Age of body does not determine age of soul. Even in childhood one can attain spiritual maturity." (CCC 1308) We do not confirm our faith in the sacrament of Confirmation. It is not about what we do, but it is about the work of God. For more information on the sacrament of Confirmation, go to www.catholicnh.org/lifelong.

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.

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

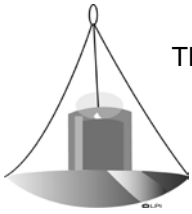
The monthly preparation session for infant Baptism will be held after the 10:00 AM Liturgy on **Sunday, November 5, 2017** in the Parish Office living room. All parents planning to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism are welcome. Families wishing to celebrate Baptism in the Church must be registered (according 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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Presentation of Mary Convent	382-2744

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✠ Parish News ~ Youth News ~ Around The Diocese ✠



SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle at Holy Angels Church will burn this week in memory of **Joseph Fitzpatrick** (Wedding Anniversary Remembrance) by his wife, Kay

SANCTUARY CANDLES

The Sanctuary Candles in both Newton and Plaistow may be offered in memory or honor of a loved one for an offering of \$10. Call the Parish Office at 382-8324.

CREMATION & THE CHURCH

On October 25, 2016, the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith published a new instruction on the burial of the dead and on the conservation of the ashes in cases of cremation. The instruction reiterated the long held view that the Church is not opposed to the practice of cremation, though it continues to recommend that the bodies of the deceased be buried in cemeteries or other sacred places. **However the new document insists that ashes should not be kept in private homes, and that the scattering of ashes in the air, on land or at sea is not permitted.** The instruction also insisted that cremains may not be divided among various family members, nor may they be preserved in mementos, pieces of jewelry or other objects. Please contact Father Albert in the Parish Office with any questions. Brochures about the Rite of Christian Funerals are available at the Church entrances.

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 603-434-3000 to become part of the Birthright 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.amazonsmile.com. For questions, please call the Parish Office at 603-382-8324. Be sure to choose:

St Luke the Evangelist Parish, Plaistow.



Sell, Sell, Sell!

Raffle tickets are available for the Christmas Craft Fair **Cash Raffle** at the back of both churches.

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 will raise **\$6,000** for St. Luke's!!!

What can you do to help?

- ❖ Take more tickets & Sell! Sell! Sell!
- ❖ 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 or call the Parish Office at 603-382-8324. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, November 4th
from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at
the Parish Center in
Plaistow.



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, **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

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



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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.)

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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!*

FOOD DRIVE

October 28-29

It's is time to trick or treat and stock up our Saint Luke Food Pantry!

Please consider bring a non-perishable food item or personal care product when you come to Church on October 28-29 We also welcome cash donations – please make out checks to *Saint Luke the Evangelist Food Pantry*.



The pantry is in need of the following items:

Pasta

Ramen noodles

Rice

Peanut butter

Jelly / Jam

Cereal

Pasta sauces

Rice a Roni mix

Cake/muffin/ mix

Brownie mix

Pancake mix & syrup

Mac & cheese

Cookies/crackers

Stuffing mix

Canned gravy (all kinds)

Canned beans

Canned fruit

Canned meats

(Non-perishable)

Tuna fish

Canned pasta

Hamburger helper

Mashed potatoes mix

Sugar free jelly & jam

Gluten free items

Toilet paper

Paper towels

Toothpaste

Toothbrushes

Shampoo

Deodorant

Soap

Laundry soap

Cleaning products

Diapers

- special need for these items!

The Saint Luke the Evangelist Food Pantry serves the hungry of our community - THROUGH YOU!

THANK YOU!



Autumn Ordinary Time - A Sense of the Season

All of our days are numbered. Now that Christ has risen from the dead and ascended into heaven, we count down the days until he returns in glory to judge the living and the dead. Ordinary Time is “ordinal” time: numbered days, days in which we lay out the scriptures and the prayers to bide our time until Christ returns.

Although the church makes no official distinction between the days of Ordinary Time from Pentecost until Advent, in our lives we experience the subtle shift from the relaxed days of summer to the increasingly active days of autumn. For some of us, the shift comes with the end-of-summer holiday or the beginning of school. Others see work activities shift, from tending to harvesting, from stocking shelves to increasing sales, from cashing out an old fiscal year to digging into a new one.

The church’s calendar contains some subtle shifts, too. On September 14 we celebrated the Holy Cross, and the waning of the natural world around us points us to the mystery of suffering and redemption. At the end of September we invoked the holy archangels to guard us in the encroaching twilight. And if we listen closely to the scriptures in October, we begin to hear talk of the last days and the final things. These thoughts reach their culmination with the great festival of saints and souls, November 1 and 2. And we spend November remembering the dead, preparing for the end and celebrating Christ, the firstfruits harvested of the new creation, the firstborn from the dead.

This is the extraordinary opportunity that autumn’s Ordinary Time opens up for us.



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.

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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 22, 2017 • Give to Caesar and God

Sunday Readings: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5; Matthew 22:15-21

Weekly Discussion Questions

For the Parish Bulletin

Life Question: How do you affect the values and commitments of your workplace?

Gospel Question: How do you honor the image of God in yourself? In others?

FOR PARISHIONERS, BY AGE GROUP

LIFE AND GOSPEL QUESTIONS BY AGE LEVEL

Exploring the Sunday Readings (Adults)

Gospel Question: What coin do we use in the realm of holy things? Visit exploringthesundayreadings.com

Visions (Grades 7-8)

Life Question: To whom do we pledge allegiance? Whose symbols do we wear on our clothes?

Gospel Question: What allegiance do we owe to God? What allegiance to Caesar?

Venture (Grades 4-6)

Life Question: How do you keep Sunday holy?

Gospel Question: What is a way you honor God?

Good News (Grades 2-3)

Life Question: What choices do you make that show you are a good friend?

Gospel Question: What is a choice you make that shows you belong to God?

Promise (Grades K-1)

Life Question: What shows that I belong to my family or school?

Gospel Question: What shows that I belong to God?

Seeds (Preschool)

Life Question: What is your favorite plant or animal in creation?

Gospel Question: Who do you praise God for?

Family Corner

About the Gospel

We belong to God. He created us and loves us. When Jesus tells us to give "to God what belongs to God," he reminds us that we are God's children! We should give ourselves completely to Jesus and do what he wants us to do.

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

In Church

Put some extra money in the offering to help someone who needs it.

Question of the Week



How do you show God that you belong to him?

Family Prayer

Jesus, help us to see you in everyone we meet!

Rincón de la Familia

Acerca del Evangelio

Pertenece a Dios. Nos creó y nos ama. Cuando Jesús nos dice que le demos "a Dios lo que corresponde a Dios", ¡nos recuerda que somos hijos de Dios! Deberíamos entregarnos completamente a Jesús y hacer lo que él quiere que hagamos.

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

En la Iglesia

Pon dinero adicional en la ofrenda para ayudar a alguien que lo necesite.

Pregunta de la semana



¿De qué manera le demuestras a Dios que perteneces a él?

Oración en familia

¡Jesús, ayúdanos a verte en cada persona que encontremos!

✠ 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)

www.pccnortheast.org

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 www.HelpOurMarriage.com.



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.





Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time | October 22, 2017

Paying What We Owe God

By Mary Katharine Deeley

We are long removed from our nation's traditional tax season, but I always think about it when I read today's Gospel. It's nice to know that the debate about paying taxes was going on more than 2,000 years ago. Part of the issue for the Jews was that Caesar considered himself a god, and paying taxes seemed like worshipping a false god.

We don't pay taxes to a false god, but many of us would like more say over where our money goes and don't feel that our representatives always speak for us.

Jesus didn't get involved in the debate then, and he will not now. But his answer

gives us something to think about: *What do we owe God?*

God loved us into being, knew us in our mother's womb, and called each of us to a life with him. When we turned our backs, God redeemed us through the Incarnation and the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. God has promised to be with us always and is, through the Holy Spirit, guiding us through the ages until the end of days.

If we could look at our heart and soul, we'd find only one image stamped there: God's. We owe him nothing less than ourselves. The world can take all we possess, but it cannot take away our identity as children of God. The world can have the fruits of our labor, but God alone has our being and fulfills our desires.

How do we pay what we owe God? By loving others, using our gifts and abilities for the glory of his name and, in every way, living in a manner worthy of the reign of God.

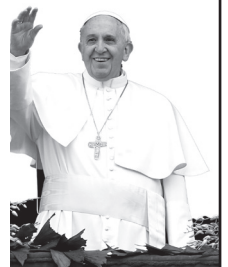
Let's start paying that now. †

We owe God nothing less than ourselves.

A Word From Pope Francis

Profit and capital are not a good over and above the human person; they are at the service of the common good. When the common good is used only at the service of profit and capital, this has a name: it is called exclusion, and through it the throwaway culture gets stronger and stronger.

— Homily in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, at world labor meeting, February 17, 2016



Sunday Readings

Isaiah 45:1, 4–6

I am the LORD, there is no other.

1 Thessalonians 1:1–5b

For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the holy Spirit.

Matthew 22:15–21

[Jesus said,] "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Do I realize my value doesn't come from others' opinions or even my opinion but from God's gift?
- Do I render to God what he deserves for all he has given me?



Faith and Finances: Managing Debt Makes Sense

By Phil Lenahan

There's a link between our faith and how we handle money. Examining this link begins with considering what really matters. Money touches many aspects of life—family, work, and our faith. Are your financial goals determined by our culture, with an emphasis on having? Or are they based on the principles of Scripture and the Catholic faith, which emphasize being?

I remember my dad sharing stories of the Great Depression. He spoke of families setting spending priorities—because if they didn't, there wouldn't be enough for basic needs. Now we're taught by our consumer culture to buy all we want, when we want, without concern for repayment. If we don't have money today...well, that's what credit cards and home-equity loans are for, right?

The Financial Drug

Debt has become a financial drug, creating dependencies for millions of Americans. There is no doubt that the misuse of debt played a major role in recent economic crises. Some statistics:

- Seven of ten of households with credit cards don't pay the full balance every month.
- The average household carries a credit card balance of \$8,000.
- Almost eight of every ten undergraduates have credit cards, averaging \$2,200 in credit card debt.

Does Catholic teaching give insight

into debt? People are often surprised to find that Scripture and other Church writings have much to say about finances. "The borrower is the slave of the lender" (Proverbs 22:7).

Productive and Unproductive Debt

It makes sense to borrow when debt is used prudently to purchase assets that increase in value. That's known as productive debt. For debt to be used productively, there must be guards to limit excessive borrowing. That is, borrowers must have a sufficient financial cushion to manage debt during economic downturns.

Some types of debts are unproductive. Unproductive debt is used to purchase depreciating assets, those that decline in value. The most common example is credit card purchases that aren't paid off each month. Americans would do well to eliminate their unproductive debt and develop a more cautious attitude even when using productive debt.

Eliminating Unproductive Debt

Straightforward but difficult steps can be taken to eliminate unproductive debt rapidly.

Once you've committed to becoming free of debt, your first step is to prepare a financial plan. There's a saying that when you fail to plan, you're planning to fail. Jesus says, "Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding

himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him" (Luke 14:28–29).

Your financial plan should include a balance sheet, debt summary, an annual budget, and strategies for debt repayment and savings.

Accelerating Repayment of Debt

Many with unproductive debt pay the minimum required balance. This strategy will keep you in debt forever. Instead, I recommend an aggressive approach that will eliminate unproductive debts in short order. This requires changing spending habits and perhaps temporarily taking a second job. But by increasing the amount of money allocated to debt repayment, you can be debt-free quickly.

Our financial priorities have ramifications for our families and faith. Becoming financially free is foremost a function of fulfilling our call as stewards of God's providence. We must grow to understand God's principles for managing money and apply them. †



Lord, I am grateful for the power of your love and grace. Teach me to trust that you care about my human needs and obligations.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS

October 23–28

Mon. Weekday:
Rom 4:20–25 / Lk 12:13–21

Tue. Weekday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17–19,
20b–21 / Lk 12:35–38

Wed. Weekday:
Rom 6:12–18 / Lk 12:39–48

Thu. Weekday:
Rom 6:19–23 / Lk 12:49–53

Fri. Weekday:
Rom 7:18–25a / Lk 12:54–59

Sat. Sts. Simon and Jude:
Eph 2:19–22 / Lk 6:12–16