



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, November 5, 2017
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM
8:00 AM
10:00 AM

Gathering: Come, Christians, Join To Sing BB 547

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 34)

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (2x)

Preparation I Have Loved You BB 608

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion: The Supper Of The Lord BB 351
Song Of The Body Of Christ BB 332

Recessional: The Spirit Sends Us Forth BB 375

✠ PARISH TITHING ✠

Our Parish needs to take in \$7,000.00 each week in order to make ends meet. Thank you for your generosity to our parish! Your weekly contribution helps ensure that the parish remains a vibrant community. Please remember to submit your weekly gift even if you will be away. We depend upon your support!

COLLECTION AMOUNTS FOR
OCTOBER 29, 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

- November 5, 2017 Property Management
- November 12, 2017 Catholic Campaign for Human Development
- November 19, 2017 Fuel
- November 26, 2017 Christmas Flowers

CHRISTMAS FAIR
WRAP UP MEETING

Thank you to all who helped, donated, participated, came to enjoy and otherwise helped our 10th Annual Christmas Craft Fair be a success for St. Luke's Parish!



If you have any ideas how to make next year's even better, we'd love to hear them. We'll meet on **Sunday, November 12 at 4:00 pm** in the Parish Hall in Plaistow (under the church). **Please join us!** You don't need to make a commitment to help with the 2018 Fair, but we'd really like to hear what you think. Then please come with us afterwards to buy your dinner at UNO's in Haverhill to support St. Luke's Dough Rai\$er. If you have any questions, or can't attend but have ideas, please contact Elaine Kindler at stlukenhfair@gmail.com with **2018 Fair Ideas** in the subject line no later than Friday, November 10.



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 ✠

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the **November 26 bulletin** must be submitted early.

The deadline for announcements to be placed into the **November 26 bulletin** is **12:00 Noon on Monday, November 13.**

Thank you for your cooperation!

HELP WANTED – ADVENT PREPARATIONS

Volunteers are invited to help do some rearranging and decorating on **Sunday, November 26 following the 8:00 AM Liturgy in Newton and the 10:00 AM Liturgy in Plaistow.** Our tasks include Advent decorating, pew missalette change-overs and some light clean up of the churches in preparation for the Advent season. All are welcome to lend a hand – our work usually lasts just over an hour if we have all the help we can muster! Please contact the Parish Office for more information.



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

Our Parish community continues with our Capital Campaign to replace roofs on the Plaistow campus, and to raise funds to complete other projects in Newton and in Plaistow. Our three-year goal is to raise \$250,000.00. Besides the Plaistow roofs, we would like to accomplish the following projects: Plaistow church access ramp, Plaistow office building & convent window replacement, Newton rectory interior flooring, Newton church lighting and painting, Newton rectory painting as funds become available.

How can you help?

Any contribution is welcome.

Make checks payable to

Saint Luke the Evangelist – Capital Campaign.

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.



From the Pastor's Desk



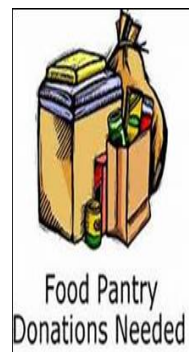
HOLY ANGELS CEMETERY CLOSED

With the end of the Fall season and the coming of the Winter months, **Holy Angels Cemetery in Plaistow will be closed from December 1, 2017 until Spring 2018.**

This decision comes as result of the real dangers of snow and ice in the Cemetery and the costs to Parishioners to inter during the winter months. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.

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.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

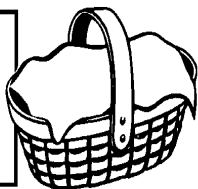
✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

<u>Sunday, November 5</u>		
10:00 AM	Religious Education – Pre-K to 8	<i>Plaistow</i>
11:00 AM	Baptism Catechesis	<i>Plaistow</i>
<u>Monday, November 6</u>		
7:00 PM	Knights of Columbus	<i>Plaistow</i>
<u>Wednesday, November 8</u>		
9:30 AM	Eucharistic Adoration Begins	<i>Plaistow</i>
6:30 PM	Eucharistic Adoration Ends	<i>Plaistow</i>
7:00 PM	Reader Scripture Share	<i>Plaistow</i>
<u>Thursday, November 9</u>		
8:30 AM	Eucharistic Adoration Begins	<i>Newton</i>
9:00 AM	Intercessory Prayer	<i>Plaistow</i>
8:30 PM	Eucharistic Adoration Ends	<i>Newton</i>
<u>Saturday, November 11</u>		
3:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation	<i>Plaistow</i>
<u>Sunday, November 12</u>		
10:00 AM	Religious Education – Pre-K to 8	<i>Plaistow</i>
11:00 AM	First Reconciliation Meeting for Parents and Students (Grade 2)	<i>Plaistow</i>



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

St. Vincent
de Paul
Society



The generosity of your contributions have allowed us to help out those in need with rent, medical, and heating oil assistance. The St. Vincent de Paul Society is so grateful and blessed.

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.**

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, November 4 ~ Vigil / 31st Sunday Ordinary Time
Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

4:00 PM John Delle Chiaie by his family
Plaistow

Sunday, November 5 ~ 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

8:00 AM Francine & William Bettencourt and Walter Halko by Janice Bettencourt
Newton

10:00 AM Robert Noltency by Frank Reilly
Plaistow

Monday, November 6 ~ Weekday

Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14

8:00 AM Deb Caron by Janice Bettencourt
Newton

Tuesday, November 7 ~ Weekday

Rom 12:5-16b; Lk 14:15-24

8:00 AM Sr. Anne Howard by Sally Dowd
Plaistow

Wednesday, November 8 ~ Weekday

Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33

6:30 PM Martin & Florence Fogel and Frank Kelcourse by Elaine Kelcourse
Plaistow

Thursday, November 9 ~ Dedication of Lateran Basilica

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

8:00 AM Thomas Verducci (Month's Mind)
Newton

Friday, November 10 ~ Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8

No Mass

Saturday, November 11 ~ Martin of Tours, Bishop

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Lk 16:9-15 (Day)

Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Geraldine Miele by her sister, Rachel
Plaistow

Sunday, November 12 ~ 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13

8:00 AM Norman Cote by Marge Anderson
Newton

10:00 AM Martin & Florence Fogel and Frank Kelcourse by Elaine Kelcourse
Plaistow

PRAYER LINE

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

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

✠ FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION ✠

SEQUENCE OF THE INITIATION SACRAMENTS

Many dioceses are in the process of restoring the sacrament of Confirmation to its rightful place in the initiation sequence: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. This honors a very ancient tradition and reflects the sequence in which the sacraments are celebrated in the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (RCIA). For much of this century many parishes in the U.S. have been postponing Confirmation. They thought that in junior high or high school young people were better able to make a personal decision and an “adult commitment” to Christ and to the church. Thus, we separated Confirmation from its real roots as a sacrament of initiation into the faith community. We threw it out of its historical sequence. We tried to make it stand out there by itself. There were some very positive pastoral results when we did this: more participation in faith formation programs until a later age and a more mature experience of sacramental life. But, there is wisdom in the ancient tradition of having the three sacraments of initiation celebrated in their traditional order: Baptism, Confirmation, and then Eucharist. In Baptism, we are immersed in the death and resurrection of Christ. In Confirmation, we are sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. In Eucharist, we sit with the community at the banquet of life which prepares us for the eternal banquet. Eucharist is, and should be, the ultimate peek of our sacramental life. Now we need to assess what we are doing with sacraments in the church. Our ancient tradition has much to teach us, as is evident from our experience with the RCIA in our parishes. The way we initiate new members into the church can also teach us how our own children should experience the sacraments of initiation. Since the 1970’s had two contrasting supplemental practices. On the one hand, those becoming Catholics, including children as young as seven, celebrated all three sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. On the other hand, in some parishes the children raised from infancy as Catholics were told that they wouldn’t be ready for Confirmation until they were teens. Restoring the traditional sequence of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist for the Catholic youngsters will make us consistent in our practice.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Are you an adult who has been Baptized and received Eucharist, but has not celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation? 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.

RCIA

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is the process by which people become members of the Roman Catholic Church. 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.

ADORATION

We are truly blessed to have times for Adoration of Our Lord in our Parish. We have many people 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.

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. Church Canon Law also regulates baptismal sponsors (godparents). Sponsors must be at least 16, fully initiated (having received Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation), and be practicing Catholics living Christian lives consistent with the Church’s teaching. Please see Fr. Albert with questions.

✠ PARISH DIRECTORY ✠

Parish Office	382-8324
Parish Prayer Line	382-8324 x 314
St. Vincent de Paul Society	382-8324 x 315
St. Luke’s Food Pantry	819-4949
Preschool	382-9783
Presentation of Mary Convent	382-2744

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Parish Council	parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net

✠ Parish News ~ Youth News ~ Around The Diocese ✠

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Students currently in school grades 8, 9 or 10 are invited to apply for the Preparation Program for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation sessions begin on **February 4** and are held following the 10 am Liturgy at Plaistow. The preparation program culminates with the celebration of the Sacrament on Sunday, April 22. Admitted candidates **MUST** attend every preparation session. **Deadline to apply for 2018 is December 4.** Any student applying should already be attending Sunday Liturgy on a regular basis.

HELP WANTED! Parents and adults in the Parish are welcome to consider acting as teachers or aides for the Confirmation Preparation program. All adult volunteers must complete the Diocese of Manchester protocols for working with children. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

**ATTENTION ALL
ALTAR SERVERS, LECTORS, AND
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS!**

**Regarding Scheduling for
December 2, 2017 through February 25, 2018**

Please contact Jeanne Sullivan at 382-4760 or jmsul@myfairpoint.net by **November 8th** and let her know if there are weekends that you will not be available to serve from December 2, 2017 through February 25, 2018, or at which you would like to serve.

In your emails or phone calls, please include the Mass at which you serve and your ministry. **Please be sure to send it to Jeanne and NOT to Jackie.**

Liturgies from the Fourth Sunday of Advent (December 23-24) through January 1 will be scheduled via a sign-up board at Church. It will help Jeanne if you would let her know at which Masses during that time you would like to serve or for which you would not be available (just in case phone calls have to be made after the sign-ups).

PLEASE NOTE: Christmas Day and the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God fall on Mondays this year. This means that in addition to our regular weekend Liturgy schedule, Vigil Masses will be celebrated on Sunday evenings according to the following schedule:

Sunday, December 24 at 4:00 PM in Plaistow;
Sunday, December 24 at 6:30 PM in Newton;
Monday, December 25 at 9:00 in Newton.
There is **NO** Midnight Mass this year.

Sunday December 31 at 4:00 PM in Plaistow;
Monday, January 1 at 9:00 AM in Newton

Your help is greatly appreciated. God bless you all for the wonderful work you do for St. Luke's.

PARENTS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS

On **Sunday, November 19**, we will be teaching a Diocesan, mandated Safe Environment Lesson to the students at their regular dismissal time. The lessons are called *Circles of Care*.

These safety lessons have taken place for the past 8 years for all students in our Parish. The lessons are age-appropriate and are introduced as part of the commitment made by our diocese and the Bishops of the United States to provide safe environment training for Religious Education students.

If you have any questions regarding these lessons, please call Joyce Szczapa at the Religious Education Office at (603) 382-8324.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ACTIVITY CORNER

The St Jude Council #6617 from our parish has been very active over the last few months and we wanted to share those activities with you: **St Jude Golf Open** was held in June. We had a sell out of 144 golfers and a record number of sponsors. All of the net proceeds were donated to a family in the parish who were in need of financial assistance because of cancer. **Italian Festival** held at the end of September. The Knights donated \$1,461 to the Raise the Roof campaign. **Middle School Youth Activity Event**, which the Knights sponsor and chaperone, was held at the Y in Plaistow in September and October with an attendance of 300 kids. **Blood Drive** held in October with 53 pints of blood being donated. **Scholarships** were given in August to two college students by the Knights. **Family BBQ** was enjoyed by the Knights and their families in August. **Atkinson's 250th Anniversary Pancake Breakfast** was hosted by the Knights in early September. Over 250 people attended the breakfast. **Pro Life** : We gave a donation to the Pregnancy Care Center in Haverhill and the Knights participated in the 40 Days of Life program. **Knight's Golf League** is a fun only league and open to all. It started in May and concluded in September at Garrison Golf with a final round and BBQ. **Knight's Memorial Mass** was held in October to pray for and remember our deceased Brother Knights. The Knights served coffee and pastries after the Mass. The Knights are always seeking new members. We only ask our members to do what they can, when they can. If you would like more information about the Knights, please contact Dan Sullivan at 603-770-4803 or dans49@comcast.net.

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.



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CHRISTMAS FAIR THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who helped, donated, promoted, participated, came to enjoy & otherwise helped our 10th Annual Christmas Fair be a success!



We're grateful to our fabulous vendors & the companies who Donated splendid items to the Fair. But ... our Fair would not happen without the whole-hearted support of the women and men who serve as plate spinners – parishioners who take responsibility for a particular part of the Fair -- & their supportive families & friends:

Collette Ferrandi & Robin Thompson – Volunteer Coordinators
Ceara Hunt, Susan Swanwick & Trisha Mainella – Silent Auction
Carole Burke & Julie Lamere – Vendor Coordinators
Sr. Doris Ducharme & Justine Caron – Wine Raffle
Joyce Szczapa & Jeannette Wuerdemann - Penny Sale
Grace Bukowski & Marge Anderson – Theme Basket Raffle
Jeanne Marcinkowski & family - Country Store & Thrift Store
Danielle Kelly – Jewelry
Marie Farren & Rudy Ferrandi – Café
Trisha Mainella & Jeannie Hennessey – Cookie Heaven
Barbara Lawrence – Quilt Raffle
Rory Lajoie & Bonnie Lajoie – Children's Corner
Robin Thompson – UNO Dough Rai\$er
Janice Bettencourt – Santa Photos
Susan Swanwick – Live Entertainment
Dan Lane - MC
Elaine Kindler - Publicity & Cash Raffle
Ray Viglione – Hall Layout & Parking
Mike Tremblay, Joe Thompson & Glenn Hughes – Hall set-up
Cathy Cronin – Parish Center Decorations
Jack Cote – Cash Boxes & Fair Accounting

Our grateful thanks also to all parishioners who helped cheerfully in many ways – promotion, donations, time & talent, prayers. Special thanks to Paul Caron, Paul & Claudia Maciel, Debbie Thompson, the Knights of Columbus, Reg Lamere, Jackie Tremblay, Sr. Marylyn Pelletier &, our promoter in chief, Fr. Albert Tremblay.

We are especially grateful for each person who -- when asked to help -- stepped up to the plate -- particularly on Thursday, Friday & Saturday. Without each & every volunteer, we wouldn't get off home base.

God blessed our efforts. We're very glad!

Thank you for the Fair's success!





Once again this year our Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish Food Pantry will provide Thanksgiving Food Baskets to needy families in our area. The cost of purchasing items for all of the baskets typically runs to well over \$1500.00, and with hard times facing so many, we anticipate the need to be even greater than previous years.

If you would like to contribute towards the cost of Thanksgiving Baskets, please place your contribution in an envelope marked "**THANKSGIVING BASKETS,**" and place it in the offering basket. You may also visit the Parish Offices and make a contribution in person.

Thank you for your support of the poor among us.

✠ AROUND THE PARISH & 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.



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 \$85 (*increase is due to change in size of arrangement and deliver charge*), 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.

SANCTUARY CANDLES



The Sanctuary Candles in both Newton and Plaistow may be offered in memory or honor of a loved one. The suggested offering is \$10.00.

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.

PLEASE HELP US!

As you leave church, kindly take your Bulletin with you – or return it to the basket at the entrance of the Church, return your music book and Mass card to their proper place, and pick up after yourself as you leave. Our Ushers are wonderful and diligent, but they should not have to face a Foxboro aftermath as each Mass ends! Thanks for being attentive and respectful!

F. Albert.



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.



The Gospel for All Ages

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FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 5, 2017 • The Servant Is Greatest

Sunday Readings: Malachi 1:14b-2.2b, 8-10; 1 Thessalonians 2.7b-9, 13; Matthew 23:1-12

Weekly Discussion Questions

For the Parish Bulletin

Life Question: What privileges do you take for granted?

Gospel Question: What has sustained you in the practice of serving others? What has deterred you?

LIFE AND GOSPEL QUESTIONS BY AGE LEVEL

Exploring the Sunday Readings (Adults)

Gospel Question: The saints became great souls precisely by not seeking greatness. Which saints best inform your personal vocation awareness?

Visit exploringthesundayreadings.com

Visions (Grades 7-8)

Life Question: What makes you want to impress others? What keeps you humble?

Gospel Question: What is great about serving others? Who is someone humble but important to you?

Venture (Grades 4-6)

Life Question: What qualities make a good leader?

Gospel Question: What makes the greatest leaders in Jesus' eyes?

Good News (Grades 2-3)

Life Question: Who have I served today?

Gospel Question: Who is greatest among Jesus' followers?

Promise (Grades K-1)

Life Question: What are loving actions?

Gospel Question: What loving things do I do for others?

Seeds (Preschool)

Life Question: How can I help?

Gospel Question: How do friends help us?

Family Corner

About the Gospel

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us that it is important to not brag or boast. Saint Thérèse of Lisieux used to say that she must be "less and less." This means we must help others and not be as concerned about ourselves.

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

In Church

The Gospel talks about the Pharisees enjoying seats of honor. Sometimes we think our pew at church is reserved just for us. Today, sit a few rows back from the pew you usually occupy.

Question of the Week



Do you remember that every talent you have comes from God? How do you thank him for your talents?

Family Prayer

Lord, help us remember that every talent, good deed, or thing we have comes directly from you!

Rincón de la Familia

Acerca del Evangelio

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús nos dice que es importante no presumir ni vanagloriarse. Santa Teresa de Lisieux decía que ella debe ser "menos y menos". Esto significa que debemos ayudar a los demás y no estar tan preocupados por nosotros mismos.

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

En la Iglesia

El Evangelio habla acerca de los fariseos que disfrutaban asientos de honor. A veces pensamos que nuestro banco en la iglesia está reservado solo para nosotros. Hoy, siéntate unas filas detrás del banco que generalmente ocupas.

Pregunta de la semana



¿Recuerdas que todo talento que tienes proviene de Dios? ¿Cómo le agradeces por tus talentos?

Oración en familia

¡Señor, ayúdanos a recordar que todo talento, acto bueno o cosas que tenemos viene directamente de ti!

✠ 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! 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 \$85, 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

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A Humble Challenge

By Janel Esker

It takes a lot to shock us these days. Long gone are the television shows with married couples in twin beds. It's hard to find a non-G-rated movie without profanity. Halloween costumes are skimpier and more grotesque every year. What used to startle us is now commonplace.

The same, unfortunately, can often be said about Jesus' words in the Gospels. How many times have we heard him say, "The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted?" These words, in their first-century Mediterranean

context, were incredibly shocking. Jesus' contemporaries believed that prosperity and honor were signs of God's favor. To hear that God actually wanted us to humble ourselves upended all they believed. No wonder Jesus ended up in trouble with those in power.

But are Jesus' words simply the "same ole, same ole" for us? When was the last time we were startled by Jesus' challenge to humble ourselves? No, we don't have phylacteries to widen or tassels to lengthen. Yet certainly we've sought unnecessary recognition when we felt we weren't being credited for our work. We've cut off others in traffic or pushed our way to the front of a line because we felt our time was more important than everyone else's. Instead of deeply listening to a friend, we've drawn the conversation back to our accomplishments and needs.

Perhaps it's time to let Jesus' words sink in more deeply—to let them shock us. Saint Paul reminds us today, "You received not a human word but...the word of God, which is now at work in you who believe." Let's invite Jesus to shake us up and allow his word to work in our hearts.†

*Let Jesus' words
sink in deeply.*

Sunday Readings

Malachi 1:14b—2:2b, 8–10

Why, then, do we break faith with each other, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

1 Thessalonians 2:7b–9, 13

...You received not a human word but, as it truly is, the word of God.

Matthew 23:1–12

[Jesus said,] "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

A Word From Pope Francis

Let us all remember this: one cannot proclaim the gospel of Jesus without the tangible witness of one's life. Those who listen to us and observe us must be able to see in our actions what they hear from our lips, and so give glory to God! I am thinking now of some advice that St. Francis of Assisi gave his brothers: preach the Gospel and, if necessary, use words.

Preaching with your life, with your witness.

—Homily,
April 14, 2013



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS REFLECTION

- As a parent, am I a priest in my family? Do I lead my children in prayer, teach them the faith, and set a good example of faith and love of God?
- Do I pray for priests and offer them support and help?



Ways the Gospels Make Us Uncomfortable

By Kathy Coffey

It may be a shift to read the Gospels and feel discomfort. While the words and actions

of Jesus enlighten, they're no escape hatch. Conflict, tension, and frustration still plague believers.

But we read the Gospels for one purpose: to know Jesus better—not for warm fuzzies, easy answers, or reinforcement of prejudices. Nor will we always encounter “Jesus, meek and mild.”

He who threatened the cozy assumptions of his contemporaries may have the same effect on us. If we rely on the wrong supports, like wealth (Luke 6:20, 24), prestige (Matthew 23:1–12), or religious rituals (Mark 2:27–28), he'll challenge us, too.

Jesus questioned many of the customs of his time—such as the subservient role of women and the authority of the Pharisees. “It is hard to believe [Jesus] was simply an early flower child who traipsed through the sunlit fields talking about lilies and love!” Nathan Mitchell writes in *Real Presence: The Work of Eucharist*. “Who would seek to arrest and execute such a sap?”

The Perils of Storytelling

We may be uncomfortable with the Gospels' storytelling if we want just the facts. We might prefer a precise blueprint or spreadsheet to rambling, inconsistent stories. But if we compare the Bible to our own complex, difficult life stories, we grow more comfortable with its mixed genres.

We find links where the larger story of God intersects with our personal lives.

So we reflect not only on Jesus' and the Hebrews' experience in the desert, but also on our own desert times.

Wandering in the wilderness brings valuable insights we don't learn in secure kitchens.

As much as we enjoy the intriguing connections, storytelling has its shortcomings. It's unscientific, subject to interpretation, and sometimes wildly inaccurate. Two people who attended the same party might tell radically different accounts.

So, too, each Gospel writer has a different emphasis. Even within the Gospel of John, there are inconsistencies: “Jesus was deeply *troubled*” (13:21), but in the next chapter Jesus says, “Do not let your hearts be *troubled*” (14:1).

Those who enjoy stories listen beneath the words. Their primary interest is the meaning stories give our experiences. We don't read the Gospels primarily for scientific accuracy or historical fact but to follow Jesus better.

We read through the lens of a human author who will sometimes shade, condense, or exaggerate. Sometimes we may also need to read biblical interpretation, but most important is our response. There's an old saying: The Gospel gives the chapter headings; we write the texts in our lives.

Too Good to Be True?

The Gospels have been misused to incite guilt. Some people may need that stern correction to luxuriating while

others starve. But many hard-working people are simply trying to survive, raise families, and do their jobs while being as generous as possible with their time and treasure. They certainly don't need another guilt trip!

What we may find harder than guilt is the Gospels' insistence on how splendid we are. Jesus walked among the diseased, smelly, and sweaty, and assured them that even in poverty, mourning, or persecution, they were blessed. Mired in our own problems, do we struggle with *good news*?

Admittedly, the central message is hard to absorb. We, limited and flawed, are made in his divine image. Throughout the Gospels, the message recurs: You are not a slave. You are a friend and adopted child with an eternal inheritance—not condemned to futility or the finality of death.

The implications could be uncomfortable. God chose us for a unique purpose and equips us to get it done. So, no whining or stalling—get on with it! †



Lord, I am grateful for your life of humble service. Give me a humble, willing heart to serve the needs of your people.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS

November 6-11

Mon. Weekday:
Rom 11:29–36 / Lk 14:12–14

Tue. Weekday:
Rom 12:5–16b / Lk 14:15–24

Wed. Weekday:
Rom 13:8–10 / Lk 14:25–33

Thu. Dedication of the Lateran Basilica:
Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12 / 1 Cor 3:9c–11, 16–17 / Jn 2:13–22

Fri. St. Leo the Great:
Rom 15:14–21 / Lk 16:1–8

Sat. St. Martin of Tours:
Rom 16:3–9, 16, 22–27 / Lk 16:9–15

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