



## MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, May 13, 2018  
Seventh Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM  
8:00 AM

Gathering: Alleluia, Sing To Jesus BB 732

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 118)

*This day was made by the Lord, let us rejoice; let us be glad. This day was made by the Lord. Let us rejoice in salvation.*

Sprinkling Rite: *God, you have moved upon the waters, you have sung in the rush of wind and flame; and in your love, you have called us sons and daughters, make us people of the water and your name.*

Preparation Christ, Be Our Light BB 596

Mass Parts Storrington Mass

Communion: One Love Released BB 360  
Our Blessing Cup BB 363

Recessional: The King Of Kings, Christ Jesus Reigns BB 728

10:00 AM

Gathering: Sing A New Song BB 544

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 118)

*This day was made by the Lord, let us rejoice; let us be glad. This day was made by the Lord. Let us rejoice in salvation.*

Sprinkling Rite: *If we have died to ourselves in Jesus, then we shall arise to new life in Him, Alleluia, alleluia!*

Preparation Holy Spirit BB 449  
The Lord Is My Light BB 752

Mass Parts Mass of God's Promise

Communion: Ubi Caritas BB 480  
Be Not Afraid BB 432

Recessional: Glory And Praise To Our God BB 546

## ✠ 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!

May 6, 2018

Offertory	\$8,125.20
Property Management	\$2,376.00

### 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

May 13, 2018	No Second Collection
May 20, 2018	Fuel
May 27, 2018	Catholic Communications
June 3, 2018	Property Management
June 10, 2018	No Second Collection



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 ✠



### **BLESSING OF MOTHERS**

A special blessing of mothers will be given at all Masses on the weekend of **Mother's Day, May 13, 2018.**



First Communion will take place in our parish on **Sunday, May 13** at the 10:00 AM Liturgy in Plaistow. Please pray for our First Communicants and their families as they prepare for this joyous celebration!

The Sanctuary Candle in Holy Angels Church will burn this week in loving memory of

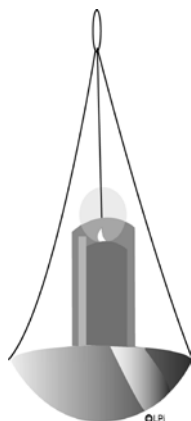
**Paul O'Leary**

by Colleen and Mark Hammond

The Sanctuary Candle in Mary, Mother of the Church will burn this week in loving memory of

**Robert Giallongo**

by the St. Vincent de Paul Society



**PENTECOST IS UPON US!  
SHOW YOUR TEAM SPIRIT!**

**WEAR RED TO CHURCH  
ON THE WEEKEND OF  
MAY 19 / 20**

**Pentecost Evening Prayer and  
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament  
Holy Angels Church  
Sunday, May 20 at 6:00 PM  
Pentecost Dessert Reception follows  
at 6:30 PM in the parish hall**



### **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?***

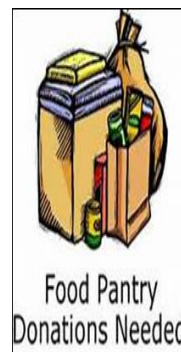
Any contribution is welcome.

Make checks payable to

***Saint Luke the Evangelist – Capital Campaign.***

### **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 SPRING...**

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

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### ✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

#### Sunday, May 13

<b>10:00 AM</b>	First Eucharist	<i>Plaistow</i>
<b>10:00 AM</b>	Religious Education – Pre-K to 8	<i>Plaistow</i>
<b>11:00 AM</b>	RCIA	<i>Plaistow</i>

#### Tuesday, May 15

<b>7:00 PM</b>	Finance Council Meeting	<i>Plaistow</i>
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#### Wednesday, May 16

#### HOLY ANGELS CHURCH

#### OPEN ALL DAY FOR PRAYER

<b>7:00 PM</b>	St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting	<i>Plaistow</i>
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#### Thursday, May 17

<b>8:30 AM</b>	Adoration Begins	<i>Newton</i>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Intercessory Prayer	<i>Plaistow</i>
<b>8:30 PM</b>	Adoration Ends	<i>Newton</i>

#### Saturday, May 19

<b>3:00 PM</b>	Sacrament of Reconciliation	<i>Plaistow</i>
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#### Sunday, May 20

<b>11:00 AM</b>	RCIA	<i>Plaistow</i>
<b>11:00 AM</b>	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	<i>Plaistow</i>
<b>6:00 PM</b>	Vespers	<i>Plaistow</i>
<b>6:30 PM</b>	Pentecost Reception	<i>Plaistow</i>



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**St. Vincent  
de Paul  
Society**



A Happy and Blessed Easter to you all. Thank you to those who made the St. Vincent de Paul Society the benefactor of your Lenten almsgiving. It is truly appreciated. And thank you to everyone who purchased an Easter lily (or just made a donation!). It is through your generosity that we are able to continue our mission to help those in our community who need a "hand up," not a hand out. Your donations have recently helped clients with rent and utility assistance.

We couldn't do it without you, so maybe you want to join us? Our next meeting is **May 16 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Hall in Plaistow. Come on by and see what we're all about.

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

### ✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

#### Saturday, May 12 ~ Vigil / Seventh Sunday of Easter

*Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19*

<b>4:00 PM</b>	Paul O'Leary by Colleen and Mark Hammond <i>Plaistow</i>
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#### Sunday, May 13 ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter

*Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19*

<b>8:00 AM</b>	Joseph Thompson by Brian and Marie Lessard <i>Newton</i>
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<b>10:00 AM</b>	Alice McNiff by Ken Lundgren <i>Plaistow</i>
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#### Monday, May 14 ~ Matthias, Apostle

*Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17*

<b>8:00 AM</b>	Ronald Metcalf by Cathy Smith <i>Newton</i>
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#### Tuesday, May 15 ~ Isidore

*Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a*

<b>8:00 AM</b>	Rita Sparfeld (Month's Mind) <i>Plaistow</i>
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#### Wednesday, May 16 ~ Easter Weekday

*Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19*

<b>6:30 PM</b>	Corinne Grise by Joan Foster and family <i>Plaistow</i>
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#### Thursday, May 17 ~ Easter Weekday

*Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26*

<b>8:00 AM</b>	Barry Cohen by Jeanne Sullivan <i>Newton</i>
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#### Friday, May 18 ~ John I, Pope and Martyr

*Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19*

*No Mass*

#### Saturday, May 19 ~ Easter Weekday

*Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25 (Day)*

*Gn 11:1-9; Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b; Ez 27:1-14; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 (Vigil)*

<b>4:00 PM</b>	Carol Flaherty (7 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) and Sean Breen (9 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) by family <i>Plaistow</i>
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#### Sunday, May 20 ~ Pentecost Sunday

*Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23*

<b>8:00 AM</b>	Kenny Jenkins by the Jenkins & Statezni families <i>Newton</i>
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<b>10:00 AM</b>	Kyle DiPerri (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary) by his family <i>Plaistow</i>
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### PRAYER LINE

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

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

MAY 13, 2018

## ✠ FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION ✠

### ADULT CONFIRMATION

Are you an adult who has been Baptized and received Eucharist, but has not celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation? The adult Confirmation process is an opportunity to complete the Sacraments of Initiation. If you would like to prepare for Confirmation, or if you have questions, call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305 or email her at [csmith@stluketheevangelist.net](mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net).

### RCIA

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

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

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

### PARENTS BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION

The monthly preparation session for infant Baptism will be held after the 10:00 AM Liturgy on **Sunday, June 3, 2018** 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.

### **ATTENTION ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, LECTORS, AND ALTAR SERVERS**

#### **Scheduling for June 2 to August 26**

Jeanne Sullivan needs to be notified **by May 14<sup>th</sup>** regarding any Masses at which you either wish to serve and/or cannot serve for June, July, and August. Please remember to state your ministry and Mass time. Thank you.

New ministers need to give Jeanne their phone numbers and email addresses when they contact her, as well as the Mass time at which they wish to serve.

You should **contact Jeanne** at 382-4760 or [jmsul@myfairpoint.net](mailto:jmsul@myfairpoint.net) (NOT Jackie Tremblay who would only have to forward it to Jeanne).



### 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.

**Newton – Thursday  
8:30 AM – 8:30 PM**

If you can commit to one hour a week in Adoration of our Lord, or if you can be a substitute, please contact Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305 or email her at [csmith@stluketheevangelist.net](mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net).

**The Church in Plaistow is open all day on Wednesdays for people to stop by and pray before the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle.**

## ✠ 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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Youth Ministry	youth@stluketheevangelist.net
Parish Council	parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net



✠ Parish News ~ Youth News ~ Around The Diocese ✠

## **CROP WALK**

**WHAT:** Walk For Hunger: Crop Walk  
**WHERE:** Plaistow Baptist Church,  
122 Main Street, Plaistow, NH  
**WHEN:** SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018.  
Registration at 12:00-12:15 PM;  
Walk starts at 12:45 PM

Please join the St. Luke the Evangelist Food Pantry, located at the Parish Office in Plaistow, as we walk for our Community and our Food Pantry by supporting our Annual Walk For Hunger. Whether you are 2 or 102, you can help stop hunger by asking your friends and neighbors to sponsor you or other walkers. The longest journey begins with a single step and the road to a better world begins when you say "Yes" and walk or donate to help the CROP Walk in our community. Take the first step...and say "Yes!"

If you wish to walk, the full walk is 5K, with a 1mi, 2mi, or 3 mi option. The walk this year is being hosted by the Plaistow Baptist Church at 122 Main Street in Plaistow. The walk starts at the church and goes through a residential area of Plaistow. Refreshments and drinks will be available after the walk. Please see Marie or Joe Farren, or Jackie Tremblay for a sponsor envelope.

If you cannot walk, please sponsor a walker. Please mail or bring checks (made out to **CWS / CROP WALK**) to the Parish Office at 8 Atkinson Depot Road, Plaistow, or drop them into the collection basket. Please mark the envelope "CROP WALK." A portion of the money raised goes directly to our Food Pantry and to two other local pantries. The remainder supports the efforts of Church World Services in projects in the United States and around the world to help eliminate hunger.

Remember, your interest and generosity can make a difference! Together we can work to end hunger both around the block and around the world!

For more information, talk to Marie or Joe Farren or call 603-275-6641.

## **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS**

### **Rockingham VNA & Hospice**

The Rockingham VNA & Hospice offers Bereavement Support Groups at the Hospice offices, 137 Epping Road, Exeter. These groups are free to the public, but registration is required. For more information and to register, please call Jane Oldfield-Spearman, Bereavement Services Coordinator, at 603-772-2981.

### **Compassionate Friends of Greater Newburyport**

The Compassionate Friends (TCF) of Greater Newburyport provides support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild, or sibling - any age, any cause. Monthly support meetings are held at the Immaculate Conception Parish Center, Newburyport, MA on the fourth Monday of the month. For more information, contact Barbara at 617-410-6309 or [info@abutterflysjourney.org](mailto:info@abutterflysjourney.org).

## **THINKING ABOUT REMARRIAGE?**

A day long program for couples who are thinking about remarriage and for engaged couples who plan to remarry will be held at St. Pius X Parish in Manchester on **Saturday, May 19 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**. For more information, contact Alyse Hlasny at 603-663-0108.

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PLAISTOW COUNCIL** **23rd ANNUAL ST JUDE OPEN- June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

The Knights of Columbus are running their 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual St Jude Open on **June 2 at 7:30 AM** at Apple Hill Golf Course in East Kingston. This year, the net proceeds will go to three families in our parish that are experiencing financial and/or health issues.

**WE NEED YOU!**

For \$100/player you get:

- 18 holes golf with cart
- Steak tip lunch
- Free gift and free raffle
- Also you can purchase mulligans, raffle tickets, putting contest & closest to pin
- Sponsor a hole or have your employer sponsor a hole for \$100
- Come volunteer the day of the tournament

Please be part of a wonderful local community event with the goal to helping others in need. Contact Dan Sullivan at 603-770-4803 or [dans49@comcast.net](mailto:dans49@comcast.net) to register and/or get a brochure to be a sponsor.

## **PILGRIMAGE TO CANADA**

**July 30, 31, August 1, 2, 2018**

**\$445 per person**

Cost includes accommodations based upon double occupancy, two meals a day (full breakfast and dinner), and Coach bus transportation. Visit the Shrines of Sainte Anne-de-Beaupre in Quebec City, St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal, the Shrine of the Sacred Hearts, Notre-Dame-du-Cap, and more. For more information, contact Juanita Sweet at 603-826-4486 or [juanitajoy@comcast.net](mailto:juanitajoy@comcast.net).

## **AMAZON SMILE**

**AmazonSmile.com** is the same market platform as Amazon.com, but with the added benefit of allowing customers to donate 0.5% of the price of items purchased to a charitable organization. Please register today to start shopping and donating at [www.amazonsmile.com](http://www.amazonsmile.com). Be sure to choose:

**St Luke the Evangelist Parish, Plaistow.**

**Congratulations To  
Our First Eucharist  
Students!**



**Sunday, May 13 at 10:00 AM**

Gabriella Borges  
Luis Eliam Hernandez  
Blake Anthony Lajoie  
Lara Luz  
Ellie Mattison  
Joseph Messersmith  
Alexia Rihani

***Welcome Families  
and Guests!***



## CHRIST IS RISEN! Χριστός ανστή !

A warm welcome to visitors  
and travelers to our Parish

### GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

**For Catholics:** As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of

the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (Canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

**For our fellow Christians:** We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions that separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (JN 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily NOT admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 § 4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 § 3).

**For those not receiving Holy Communion:** All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

**For non-Christians:** We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.



# Saint Luke the Evangelist

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May 13, 2018

Dear Parishioners of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish,

Sr. Doris and Sr. Marylyn's time here among us is at an end. Sr. Helen Cote, pm, the Superior of the Presentation Community in the US has assigned Sr. Doris to the Notre Dame Presentation Community in Methuen, and Sister Marylyn to the Presentation Community in Hudson as of the end of the summer. Sister Doris will continue to work and volunteer part time, and Sr. Marylyn will continue her work for Alliance Home Health Care.

As a Parish community, we have been blessed by the presence and ministry of these two devoted women these many years. At a time when many parishes have long lost the presence of women religious, Saint Luke Parish has had the privilege of hosting two religious sisters who exemplify the mission of their Presentation Community and who have lived among us as beacons of prayer, service and joy. We will miss Sister Doris and Sister Marylyn. As a community, we are better for our association with them.

At the end of their time here, we will gather around Sister Doris and Sister Marylyn and pray with and for them as they move forward in their lives. We will schedule a time to express our appreciation for the sisters – time and date will be announced.

In delivering bittersweet news of impending "goodbyes," I also announce a happy turn of events. Our community will not lose the presence of women religious as Sr. Doris and Sr. Marylyn take their leave. Sr. Helen of the Presentation Community has accepted my invitation to send other Sisters, and in this case our Parish convent will begin a new and exciting ministry. As of the beginning of August, the convent building in Plaistow will become a House of Discernment for the US Province of the Presentation Sisters. Here, in our own Parish, women will be able to experience community living before requesting to be admitted to further their pursuit of religious life as members of the Presentation Community. They will be guided by Sr. Holly Gauthier, pm, the Provincial Vocation Director, and her assistant, Sr. Suzanne Dubois, pm. Sister Holly and Sister Suzanne will move into the convent building with two or three other lay women candidates in early August.

This new ministry is as exciting for the Presentation Community as it is for us at Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish. Please join me in thanking almighty God for the ministry of Sister Doris and Sister Marylyn, and in welcoming new Sisters and candidates to the Presentation Community to our Parish.

*Falbert, all 5/13*





# **Sisters of the Presentation of Mary US Province**

## **The Spiritual Family of Marie Rivier Serving God's Children**

On November 21, 1796, feast of the Presentation of Mary in the Temple, Marie Rivier and four of her companions had the incredible audacity to found a community in the small village of Thueys, in the department of Ardèche, France. Together they consecrated themselves to God and to the education of youth.

“This task began at a time of persecution,” said Mother Rivier, “In days when hardly anyone dared declare himself a Christian.” In the middle of this upheaval and confusion, a few women came together... These five young women were poor, almost destitute. But nothing could quench the fire which burned within them. Making Jesus Christ known and loved became their whole life.

What would be the future of this very small flame of hope springing up within the Church of France immersed in the storm? The adventure towards which the burning wind of the Spirit carried the young foundation is tremendous! The fire caught very quickly! Dozens of small communities lit up in the parishes, becoming centers of Christian education.

Who did all this? Marie Rivier repeated it unceasingly: “Everything comes to us from the Blessed Virgin!” It is therefore upon Mary that she conferred the title of Foundress: “Yes, Mary has wanted that this house be totally dedicated her, that it bear the name of her Presentation; she is its foundress and inspiration.”

In 1996 the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary celebrated the second centenary of their foundation. It was an opportunity for them and their friends to celebrate the fidelity of the Lord to this religious family which he has kept alive and united in the service of the Church despite all the upheavals of history. At the anniversary, some fifteen hundred women religious are present in nineteen countries of the world.

**In fidelity to the grace received by Marie Rivier, the apostolic spirit of the  
Congregation is expressed, whatever the apostolate may be,  
by the explicit proclamation of Jesus Christ.**

~Presentation Community Rule of Life~

## **BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY LUNCHEON**

Our Parish has formed two groups of volunteers who help in providing lunch following a Funeral Liturgy.

**Bereavement Ministry Volunteers** contribute food items, and other helpers get things ready, serve, and clean up when everyone goes on their way.

We all work as a team, so helpers will be called on to serve in a particular sequence that spreads out the work and time commitment. This is an ideal ministry for retirees or stay-at-home Moms or Dads who have kids at school. Also, it is an opportunity for anyone, if they are able, to bring food items the night before or early in the morning on the day of the funeral on their way to work.

To assist grieving families, when requested (and based on hall availability) we will provide a luncheon after the funeral service. A standard menu has been developed to simplify this operation. Although there will be no formal charge for this service, families who are able are encouraged to make a donation.

If you are interested, and not already signed up in helping with this ministry, please complete the form below and put it in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office. Any questions, please contact Cathy Smith at [csmith@stluketheevangelist.net](mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net) or call 382-8324.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to assist with memorial meals on a rotating basis: **(please circle all that apply)**

Make phone calls to volunteers

### **Food Donations:**

Salads (garden, potato, cole slaw, or pasta)

Desserts (bar cookies, cakes, brownies)

Finger Roll Sandwiches ( 2 doz.) (tuna, egg, chicken, or ham)

Soup (winter only)

### **Serving/Clean up:**

Food Serving (at meal)

Clean up (hall & kitchen)

# CREMATION?

**While burial or entombment of the body remains the preference and is encouraged by the Church, cremation may be chosen for sufficient reason. The Revised Code of Canon Law states: “The Church earnestly recommends the pious custom of burial be retained; but it does not forbid cremation, unless this is chosen for reasons which are contrary to Christian teaching.” (CIC, c. 1176.3)**

***When is Cremation Allowed?*** Cremation may be requested for hygienic, economic or other reasons of a public or private nature. Some examples include: transfer of the remains to a distant place, possible avoidance of considerable expense, a severe psychological fear of burial in the ground or in a tomb. The selection of cremation was the specific choice of the individual before death. When requested by the family of the deceased for what also might be determined as an appropriate pastoral reason.

***If a body is to be cremated, is it preferable that cremation take place after the Funeral Liturgy?***

It is recommended that priority be given to the celebration of the Eucharistic Liturgy with the body of the deceased present.

***Can a body be cremated prior to the Funeral Liturgy? What arrangements are different?***

In the Diocese of Manchester, it is permitted to celebrate the funeral liturgy in the presence of the cremated remains. The cremated remains are to be accorded the same respect given to the corporeal remains of a human body. This includes the way they are carried, the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and their final disposition. The container in which the cremated remains are placed should be dignified in nature. The cremated remains are to be positioned on a suitable table in the same place where the casket is usually positioned. They may also be placed near the Paschal Candle during the funeral liturgy. The candle and the cremated remains may be placed in the sanctuary so as to be visible to all.

***What is required for the proper and reverent disposition of cremated remains?***

**Cremated remains are to be buried or inurned.** They should not be buried on private land, but are to be buried in a cemetery or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. **The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground is not permitted.** If burial takes place at sea, according to local custom, the cremated remains are to be kept intact in a solid and durable container, and not scattered.

Keeping the cremated remains in a private home, funeral home or any other place is not considered to be the reverent disposition that the Church requires. **The integrity of the cremated remains is always to be respected.** The cremated remains of one deceased person may not be mixed with the cremated remains of another person. It is not permitted to divide the cremated remains and retain, inter or entomb them in more than one place.

It is also not permitted to divide the cremated remains in such a way that they are contained in lockets or jewelry. Any other practice which violates the integrity of the cremated remains and impedes reverent and proper burial/disposition is prohibited. Whenever possible, appropriate memorialization should be utilized at the place of burial.

Consult your cemetery office for all available options for the respectful burial, disposition and memorialization of cremated remains.



# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



## Unity

Lord, you are blessed and holy  
and you know our hearts well.  
In the Paschal Mystery of Christ,  
you revealed your love for us and  
showed us the path to unity.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon us  
to teach us how to be faithful disciples.  
Place your living Word within our hearts  
so that we may work to build up  
your Kingdom  
and seek unity amongst your people.  
Watch over our community, especially  
those who struggle in faith,  
and help us to remain in your love  
and forever announce the Good News  
of salvation.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Sunday, May 13, 2018**

**Love Unites**

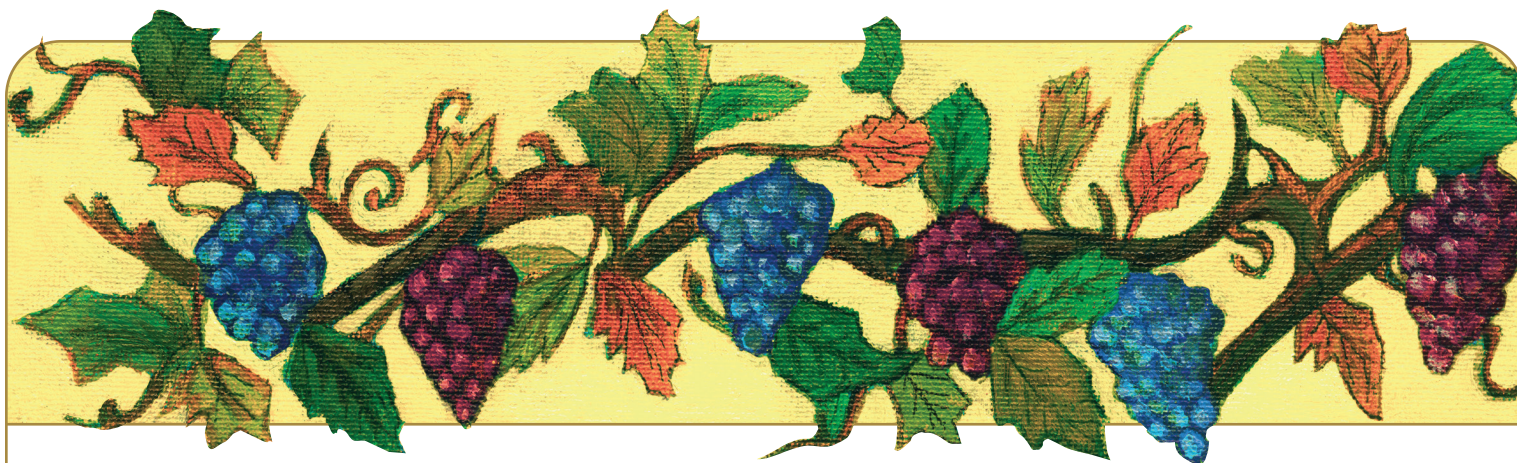


*Today's Readings: Acts 1:15–17, 20a, 20c–26; Psalm 103:1–2, 11–12, 19–20; 1 John 4:11–16; John 17:11b–19.* Both the Psalm and the Second Reading reflect on God's love for us and invite us to share that love within the world. However, we can only share love if we are united to Love and remain in God. In the Psalm, we place upon our lips words of praise or blessing to God for all the love and mercy he has poured forth on his people (vv. 11–12). The first stanza indicates that one's entire being, the very life breath, gives all in praise to God. This is a powerful image. Think of a time when you have stood in awe of God. On rare occasions, I have found myself tongue-tied in God's presence and my whole being shuddered with joy and attempted to bless God. The love of

God unites us to the whole Body of Christ and transforms us and calls us to love others.

In the Gospel, Jesus pleads with the Father to keep us, the disciples, united in love as we continue the journey on earth. Like the early disciples, we know, even though Jesus reigns in heaven, that the community of faith remains strong. The community did not dissolve when Christ ascended to heaven. We remain strong because of the love the Holy Spirit pours out upon us. Have you noticed someone in your community who especially needs love and mercy? This week, sit quietly with the Second Reading and listen to where God is calling you to love.





## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, May 14

#### St. Matthias

The First Reading tells the story of how Matthias joined the ranks of the Twelve. In the days following the Ascension, the Apostles decided to fill the place Judas had taken. Like Matthias, each of us has been chosen by the Holy Spirit to be followers of Christ. We are counted among the saints who make known God's salvation. Have you ever taken time to consider your role as a disciple? *Today's Readings: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Psalm 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; John 15:9-17.*

### Tuesday, May 15

#### Glorify the Lord

Today's Gospel is part of a long prayer Jesus makes to the Father. Jesus is aware that the time has come for him to be glorified. Throughout his ministry, he has been preparing the disciples to know and understand that he is the one who saves. To have eternal life, we must come to know the living God. In Baptism, we were united to the living God and through our work we give him glory. In your prayer today, ponder what it means to be a temple of the Holy Spirit. *Today's Readings: Acts 20:17-27; Psalm 68:10-11, 20-21; John 17:1-11a.*

### Wednesday, May 16

#### Teaching

Paul preaches to the presbyters of Ephesus in the First Reading. He tells them to be vigilant when he leaves because false teachers will surely pervert the Gospel message. Even today, we have false prophets among us and we must be vigilant that the Gospel is heard. Sometimes we might be the false teacher and so we too must be careful not to lead others astray. How have you shepherded another's faith? *Today's Readings: Acts 20:28-38; Psalm 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; John 17:11b-19.*

### Thursday, May 17

#### United in Christ

Today's Gospel continues Jesus' long prayer in chapter 17 of John's account. When read completely through, the reader gets a sense of how much Jesus cares for his people. He truly longs for the day when all will know him and be united to the Father. As you think about this Easter season, how have you grown in relationship with Christ? Like Paul, we must take courage as we bear witness within our families and communities. *Today's Readings: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Psalm 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; John 17:20-26.*

### Friday, May 18

#### Feed My Lambs

In the Gospel, Jesus questions Peter three times about how much he loves him. Peter responds affirmatively and assures Jesus of his love. Like Peter, we are called to nourish God's flock. Each of us has been given gifts and talents that will help with this mission. What gifts do you bring to assist in "feeding the lambs"? Imagine yourself in Peter's place. How would you engage Jesus? *Today's Readings: Acts 25:13b-21; Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; John 21:15-19.*

### Saturday, May 19

#### So Much

"There are also many other things that Jesus did." This line from the end of today's Gospel is telling. It relates that there is much about Jesus' life and ministry that we do not know. It also notes that the story of salvation is still unfolding. Let us rejoice in God's awesome gifts. Write about or draw a story of your encounter with Christ. *Today's Readings: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Psalm 11:4, 5 and 7; John 21:20-25.*





# The Gospel for All Ages

Family Catechesis

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FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

**Ascension of the Lord/7th Sunday of Easter • May 13, 2018**

**Jesus' Disciples Are His Witnesses**

**Ascension Readings:** Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Mark 16:15-20

**7th Sunday Readings:** Acts 1:15-17; 20a, 20c-26; 1 John 1:11-16; John 17:11b-19

## Weekly Discussion Questions

**For the Parish Bulletin**

**Life Question:** How is the Spirit present in your life—in your actions and relationships?

**Gospel Question:** To portray Jesus for our time, what characteristics would you emphasize?

## LIFE AND GOSPEL QUESTIONS BY AGE LEVEL

**Exploring the Sunday Readings (Adults)**

Sketch a brief timeline of your life in ten significant moments. What does each one have to say about who you are today? Visit [exploringthesundayreadings.com](http://exploringthesundayreadings.com)

**Visions (Grades 7-8)**

**Life Question:** How do you keep up relationships with your friends?

**Gospel Question:** How does Jesus keep up his relationship with his followers when he returns to God?

**Venture (Grades 4-6)**

**Life Question:** Where does the Spirit lead you?

**Gospel Question:** What mission does Jesus give his followers?

**Good News (Grades 2-3)**

**Life Question:** What are some things you would tell others about Jesus?

**Gospel Question:** How do you tell Jesus' Good News?

**Promise (Grades K-1)**

**Life Question:** What are some ways you show loving actions?

**Gospel Question:** When is Jesus' Spirit with us?

**Seeds (Preschool)**

**Life Question:** Who are some of your friends? Why?

**Gospel Question:** Why are you Jesus' friend?

## Family Corner

### About the Gospel

Sunday's Gospel reflects "the great commission." Jesus tells his disciples to go out and baptize everyone. He promises great signs and wonders will be seen among believers.

Visit [www.usccb.org/bible/readings](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings) to read this Sunday's Scripture.

### In Church

Watch the candles at the front of the church and notice how the flames point toward Heaven. Think about these candles as a reminder that Jesus is always with us in the Holy Spirit.

### Question of the Week

How can you share the Gospel with your friends and acquaintances?



### Family Prayer

Lord Jesus, help us to communicate the Gospel in our actions and our words.

## Rincón de la Familia

### Acerca del Evangelio

El Evangelio de hoy refleja "el gran envío". Jesús les dice a sus discípulos que salgan y bauticen a todos. Promete que grandes señales y maravillas se verán entre los creyentes.

Visita [www.usccb.org/bible/readings](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings) para leer las lecturas de este domingo.

### En la Iglesia

Miren las velas al frente de la iglesia y vean cómo la llama apunta hacia el Cielo. Piensen acerca de estas velas como un recordatorio de que Jesús está siempre con nosotros en el Espíritu Santo.

### Pregunta de la semana

¿Cómo puedes compartir el Evangelio con tus amigos y conocidos?



### Oración en familia

Señor Jesús, ayúdanos a comunicar el Evangelio con nuestras obras y nuestras palabras.



## ✠ 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.catholicnh.org/support) for a listing of groups.





# Bringing Home the Word

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## Living a New Reality

By Mary Katharine Deeley

Part of my ministry involves sitting with families as they plan a funeral service for a loved one. There are often long pauses as thoughts flood their minds and memories fill their hearts. They share stories and grief. With great care, we select readings and songs and talk about prayers.

Inevitably, we talk about what will happen after the funeral. I tell them grief is a process, that everyone does it differently, and that it would be good to be gentle with each other. In my

experience, it takes about six weeks just for the reality to begin setting in and to begin adjusting to this new situation. Things don't get better. They get different, and we go on.

I can only imagine how the disciples felt when Jesus, whom they loved, was crucified in front of them. They had only just begun their grieving. I can only imagine the joy they felt when he appeared after his resurrection, eating with and teaching them again, giving them everything they needed for what was to come.

I can't help but wonder how they felt when he left them again, ascending into heaven—not dead, but so very clearly not with them in the same way.

We celebrate Jesus' ascension just past the six-week mark from Easter. I like to think the reality of the death and resurrection has just started to sink in and that we're learning to move on in this new situation.

It's no accident that Jesus' last command to us is to live that new reality and tell the world about him. +

*After a funeral,  
things don't get better.  
They get different.*

## A Word From Pope Francis

[God] asks us to be missionary disciples, men and women who radiate the truth, beauty and life-changing power of the Gospel; men and women who are channels of God's grace, who enable his mercy, kindness, and truth to become the building blocks of a house that stands firm.

—Homily, November 26, 2015



## Sunday Readings

### Acts 1:1–11

As they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.

### Ephesians 1:17–23 or

### Ephesians 4:1–13 or 4:1–7, 11–13

And he gave some as apostles... to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry.

### Mark 16:15–20

[Jesus said,] "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature."

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

## ONE QUESTION REFLECTION

- Do I live as if I am Christ's presence on earth, aware that I am his missionary?
- If Jesus were in my family, social, and professional situations, what would he do?



# The Private Pain of Infertility

By Julie Irwin Zimmerman

The year after our wedding, I sat in church on Mother's Day and daydreamed about how joyful the holiday would be the following spring. My husband and I decided to have a baby, and I imagined we'd have our newborn the next Mother's Day. But the following May and the one after that we went to church with empty arms. To our dismay, we'd been diagnosed as among the 25 percent of married, childless couples in the U.S. who have trouble conceiving or carrying a baby to term.

It wasn't only Mother's Day that was hard to bear. Baptisms and baby showers were difficult. Sometimes, merely seeing a pregnant woman or a couple with a baby sent me into despair.

The months developed an unwelcome rhythm, beginning with hope, then anxiety, and ending in tears. My prayer life had taken on the same rhythm: first, optimistic appeals for pregnancy; then, frantic pleas for help getting through the month; and finally, silent anguish when I felt my prayers had been ignored. I wondered: *What have we done to deserve this? Why hasn't our simple wish for a child been granted?*

Although infertility is common, it can be isolating to sufferers. Often friends and family don't know what to say, make awkward jokes, or avoid the topic altogether. There are moral, ethical, and financial mine fields to navigate, and it's

easy for spouses to disagree about what to do.

Couples facing infertility have three options: seek medical treatment, pursue adoption, or live without children. While it's understandable to want to end the ordeal of infertility as quickly as possible, these decisions are important ones deserving prayer and discernment.

Catholic teaching on infertility treatment is often misunderstood. While the Catholic Church encourages couples to welcome children, not all medical options for infertility are considered acceptable. Surgeries and treatments that restore or enhance a couple's ability to conceive naturally or which assist the conjugal act are encouraged. Procedures that involve a third party, replacing natural conception, or the conjugal act—artificial insemination, in vitro fertilization, surrogacy, and donor eggs or sperm—are considered unacceptable.

A document by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Life-Giving Love in an Age of Technology*, reiterates the long-standing position of the Church. Fortunately, there are an increasing number of physicians using NaPro Technology, which treats infertility in harmony with Church teaching. The Pope Paul VI Institute is a leader in the field, and an internet search can help couples find local providers.

Adoption is also a path to parenthood that's filled with many blessings. Seeking out adoptive parents and hearing their stories can affirm for infertile couples

the role God played in bringing them together.

And, of course, even in the midst of infertility, couples should take time to nurture their relationships and acknowledge that they're already a family. A weekend away, a walk in the woods, even setting aside dinner hours free from infertility talk helped my husband and me remind ourselves of our love and how satisfying our marriage was.

The experience of infertility helped me understand what Jesus did when he willingly accepted his cross. Before encountering infertility, I still believed if I worked hard enough at something, I could achieve it. Those years taught me a difficult, invaluable lesson about giving up control over my future and trusting God to reveal a future that was beyond my hopes and fears.

To learn more about Catholic teaching on reproductive technologies, visit [usccb.org/LifeGivingLove](http://usccb.org/LifeGivingLove). +

## PRAYER

Risen Lord, your death, resurrection, and ascension are good news for us. Help me to share this message of hope with all people.

*From Hopeful Meditations for Every Day of Easter Through Pentecost,*


Rev. Warren J. Savage  
and Mary Ann McSweeney

## WEEKDAY READINGS

May 14–19, 2018

Monday, St. Matthias:  
Acts 1:15–17, 20–26 / Jn 15:9–17  
Tuesday, Easter Weekday:  
Acts 20:17–27 / Jn 17:1–11a  
Wednesday, Easter Weekday:  
Acts 20:28–38 / Jn 17:11b–19

Thursday, Easter Weekday:  
Acts 22:30; 23:6–11 / Jn 17:20–26  
Friday, Easter Weekday:  
Acts 25:13b–21 / Jn 21:15–19  
Saturday, Easter Weekday:  
Acts 28:16–20, 30–31 / Jn 21:20–25

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