



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, August 19, 2018
Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

4:00 PM
8:00 AM

Gathering: Let Us Go To The Altar BB 316

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 19)

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Preparation Christians, Let Us Love One Another BB 476

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion Take And Eat BB 361
Eat This Bread BB 337

Recessional: Sent Forth By God's Blessing BB 388

10:00 AM

Gathering: Alleluia, Sing To Jesus BB 732

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 34)

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord, the goodness of the Lord.

Preparation 'Tis A Gift To Be Simple BB 517
God's Holy Gifts BB 343

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion Bread Blessed And Broken BB 329
Gift Of Finest Wheat BB 324

Recessional: City Of God BB 386

✠ 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!

August 12, 2018

Offertory \$5,378.81
NH Missionaries \$2,253.26

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

August 19, 2018 Fuel
August 26, 2018 Missionary Co-op
September 2, 2018 Property Management
September 9, 2018 Catholic University/USCCB



We welcome in our faith community
Nicholas Robert Carrozza
who recently received the Sacrament of Baptism

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 ✠

BACK TO SCHOOL

St. Luke's Food Pantry would like to help parents who are struggling financially with **Back-To-School Supplies**. You can help by making a **monetary donation** (checks made out to "St. Luke Food Pantry" with "Back To School" on the memo line); **donating gift cards** (label the envelope "Food Pantry - Back to School"; or by **donating a "Back to School" backpack with school supplies included**. You can bring any of these items to church or drop them off at the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity!



**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
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Religious Education Registration for the 2018-2019 Academic Year for Grades Pre-K through 8 has begun. If your child is currently enrolled, a registration form has been sent home. If your child is new to the Program, please call Joyce Szczapa in the Religious Education Office at 603-382-8324 for more information.

CATECHISTS NEEDED

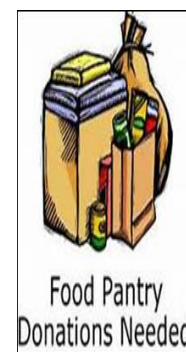
Our Religious Education Program is in need of catechists for Sunday mornings. Training will be provided. If you can help, please email Joyce at jszczapa@stluketheevangelist.net.

HOSPITAL VISITATION

If you or someone you know is in the hospital and wants to receive a visit, please contact the Parish Office at 603-382-8324. If you or someone you know faces a hospital admission, make sure they know to inform the hospital that they are Catholic and are members of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish. If a person cannot make this information known at the time of admission, a family member may be able to make that information known to the hospital staff.

**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 SUMMER...

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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

✠ **WEEKLY CALENDAR** ✠

Wednesday, August 22
HOLY ANGELS CHURCH CLOSED

Thursday, August 16

8:30 AM Adoration Begins *Newton*
8:30 PM Adoration Ends *Newton*

Saturday, August 18

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

✠ **MASS INTENTIONS** ✠

Saturday, August 18 ~ Vigil / 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Prv 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

4:00 PM William Wheeler by the Parish
Plaistow

Sunday, August 19 ~ Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Prv 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

8:00 AM Joseph Thompson by Frances & Donald Harper
Newton
10:00 AM In Thanksgiving to St. Michael the Archangel
Plaistow

Monday, August 20 ~ Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of Church
Ez 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22

No Mass

Tuesday, August 21 ~ Pius X, Pope

Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30
No Mass

Wednesday, August 22 ~ Queenship of Mary

Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16
No Mass

Thursday, August 23 ~ Rose of Lima, Virgin

Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14
No Mass

Friday, August 24 ~ Bartholomew, Apostle

Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51
No Mass

Saturday, August 25 ~ Louis; Joseph Calasanz, Priest

Ez 43:1-7ab; Mt 23:1-12 (Day)
Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69 (Vigil)
4:00 PM Phil Consentino
by Raymond and Beverley Viglione
Plaistow

Sunday, August 26 ~ 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69
8:00 AM Ronald Metcalf by Paul Roberts
Newton
10:00 AM In Thanksgiving to St. Michael the Archangel
Plaistow

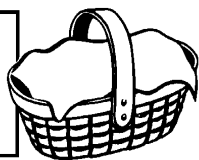
DAILY MASS CANCELLATIONS
There will be **NO** Daily Masses on
August 20, 21, 22 or 23, 2018.



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

**St. Vincent
de Paul
Society**



Your "Dropped Dollar" Hard At Work

Thank you for your continued support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society! Please know that your "dropped dollars" are being used wisely to help the poor in our area. Your generosity does not go unnoticed.

Drop-a-Dollar in the St. Vincent de Paul box
on your way out of church.

Remember ~ 100% of your donation is used to help those
who need a hand up, not a hand out.

Our next meeting on **Wednesday, September 19 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.**



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

PRAYER LINE

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

✠ FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION ✠



RETROUVILLE...A Lifeline

Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouville 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 Retrouville can help you. For more information, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating an anniversary of **5, 25, or 50 years** to attend the **Fall Wedding Anniversary Mass**. Couples are encouraged to invite select family members to share in the joyous occasion. This celebration will be held on **Sunday, October 21, 2018 at 2:00 PM at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester**. To register, please contact your parish office by **September 18, 2018**. The parish office will submit all necessary information. All registrants will receive an invitation to this special celebration. **Couples celebrating other significant anniversaries will be asked to register next year for a Spring Celebration.**

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.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

ADORATION

We are truly blessed to have times for Adoration of Our Lord in our Parish. This time of prayer and intercession is not only a source of great grace for the individual, but it is a great source of grace for us as a parish family, as well.

We have many who have made the commitment to spend an hour each week with our Eucharistic Lord, **but** we need more people so there will be at least two people at each hour. We are also looking for people who would be able to substitute.

**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.

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.

PARENTS BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION

The monthly preparation session for infant Baptism will be held after the 10:00 AM Liturgy on **Sunday, September 2, 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.

✠ PARISH DIRECTORY ✠

Parish Office	382-8324	Fr. Albert Tremblay	fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net
Parish Prayer Line	382-8324 x 314	Cathy Smith	csmith@stluketheevangelist.net
St. Vincent de Paul Society	382-8324 x 315	Joyce Szapa	jszczapa@stluketheevangelist.net
St. Luke's Food Pantry	819-4949	Jackie Tremblay	jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net
Preschool	382-9783	Thomas Kondel	tkondel@stluketheevangelist.net
Presentation of Mary Convent	382-2744	Val Barczak	mvmbarczak@comcast.net
		Youth Ministry	youth@stluketheevangelist.net
		Parish Council	parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net

✠ Parish News ~ Youth News ~ Around The Diocese ✠

ST. CHARLES 5K ROAD RACE

September 3, 2018

Pease International Tradeport, Portsmouth, NH

Are you looking for a chance to have fun exercising while supporting a great cause? The 22nd Annual St. Charles 5K Road Race is coming up on **Labor Day, Monday, September 3 at 9:00 AM** at Martin's Point Health Care, Pease International Tradeport, Portsmouth, NH. There will be lots of food from Applebee's, activities for the kids, raffles, awards, and a free kids Fun Run! The race has a flat, fast course, cash awards for the top winners and commemorative medals for those who get their personal best 5K! Children, runners of all levels and walkers are welcome. Don't miss this opportunity to support St. Charles School. Visit www.runningnuns.com to register. **Pre-register by August 30 for \$20**; race day registrations are \$30; Kids 12 and under are always \$10. Free Performance T-shirts to the first 300 registrations! If you are interested in volunteering, contact Jennifer Gilbert at jjgilbert@stcharleshome.net or 603-332-4768.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING
FALL SESSIONS

A terminal diagnosis can be a lonely experience. At a time when understanding is needed most, many Hospice patients find themselves isolated, even from family and friends. You can help end that isolation by becoming a Hospice volunteer. You will be taught how to provide compassionate support to those patients at the end of life and their families. Rockingham VNA & Hospice is offering a comprehensive Hospice volunteer training **beginning on September 7 and continuing each Friday from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM through October 26, 2018**. Classes will be held at Rockingham VNA & Hospice, 137 Epping Road, Exeter, NH. To register, or for more information, call Martha Carlson, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator, at 772-2981.

SEEKING GOD IN ALL THINGS
Our Lady of Hope House of Prayer
September 21-23, 2018

We would be amazed at how many ways God is present to us every day! All too often, our full and busy lives make it easy to miss out on experiencing God's loving presence in everyday things. Our daily lives become very different when we are able to feel God present to us in all things. This quiet and reflective weekend is an opportunity to experience different ways of opening our contemplative hearts so that we can encounter God's loving presence in all things. Come and awaken your contemplative spirit through Lectio Divina, centering prayer, quiet reflection, and song. **Registration deadline is September 7, 2018**. To register, or for more information, contact Sisters Rita Pay or Suzanne Rivard, pm at 603-878-2346 or olhope1@yahoo.com.



ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH 11TH ANNUAL
JURIED CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR
Saturday, November 10, 2018

You can be a big help by donating some of these things:

Theme Basket Raffle:

Make a wrapped, ready-to-affle basket with a theme. Get creative!

Here are some ideas: chocolate, golfers, indoor and outdoor gardening, fishermen, movie night, games, books, Christmas theme/decorations, girls, boys, music, Thanksgiving theme/decorations, babies, pets, faith formation/reflection, coffee, tea, knitting, crocheting, quilting, scrapbooking, children's creative arts, all kinds of cooking and food: grilling, baking, international!

Donations may be brought to either church on October 27 and 28.

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

FOR OUR RECORDS

We need your help to keep our records current. If there are any births, deaths, marriages, moves, or address changes in your family, please notify the parish office by email at jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net or by calling 603-382-8324. If you are new to our parish, registration forms are available at the entrances of both churches. You can also find a registration form on our website at <http://stlukenh.org>. Thank you.

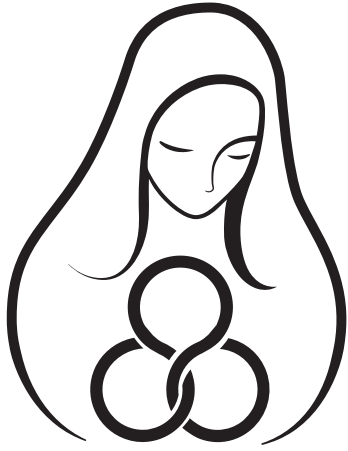
VETERAN TO VETERAN
HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Rockingham VNA & Hospice is offering a comprehensive **Veteran to Veteran** Hospice volunteer training **beginning on September 7 and continuing each Friday from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM through October 26, 2018**. Classes will be held at Rockingham VNA & Hospice, 137 Epping Road, Exeter, NH. To register, or for more information, call Martha Carlson, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator, at 772-2981.

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. Be sure to choose:

St Luke the Evangelist Parish, Plaistow.



SOCIETY of OUR LADY of the Most Holy Trinity

The Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT) is a society of apostolic life, an international missionary community composed of priests, consecrated sisters and brothers, and lay members serving together on ecclesial teams in areas of deepest need.

Founded in 1958 by Fr. James Flanagan, SOLT's vision and charism anticipated many of the movements of Vatican II, including the role of the laity in evangelization, the significance of Our Lady's relationship with each Person of the Trinity, and communion as the foundation of all renewal within the Church.

Saint John Paul II said, "God, in his deepest mystery, is not a solitude but a family...since He has in himself fatherhood, sonship and the essence of family, which is love." We are called to communion. Each human person, made in the image of the God who is communion, longs for such expression and experience of love. SOLT was founded to be a tangible manifestation of this Trinitarian reality of communion. As Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity models, we live as she did, from a communion that has its source in God and that extends out to all peoples:

Communion with God in imitation of Mary.

Communion on our teams of priests, consecrated sisters and brothers, and lay faithful.

Communion with all - especially the most abandoned, lonely, isolated and forgotten.

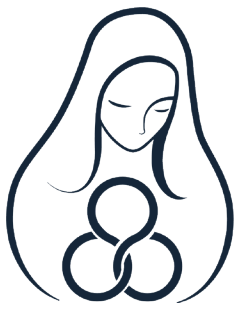


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If you are interested in learning more about the work of SOLT please visit our website at SOLT.net or contact

**Sr. Mary Mediatrix of All Grace,
Director of Mission Advancement
(361) 654-0054 x102.**





OUR CHARISM

Disciples of Jesus through Mary, living in Marian-Trinitarian communion, serving on ecclesial family teams in areas of deepest apostolic need.

MARIAN-TRINITARIAN SPIRITUALITY

At the time SOLT was founded in 1958, the title “Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity” was a rarely known title given to our Blessed Mother. Six years later at Vatican II, Our Lady was specifically referenced, not only in her relationship to Christ, but also to each Person of the Blessed Trinity, as beloved daughter of the Father, mother and disciple of the Son of God and temple of the Holy Spirit (Lumen Gentium, 53).

In our relationship with Mary, we trust her to lead us perfectly in discipleship of Jesus, into union with the Most Holy Trinity. We seek to imitate her virtues, and to enter into her intimacy with the persons of the Trinity. Characteristic of our Marian-Trinitarian spirituality is the consecration to Jesus through Mary according to the model of St. Louis de Montfort, as the means by which each member of SOLT firmly places him or herself in Our Lady’s care.



ECCLESIAL FAMILY TEAMS

SOLT strives to serve the people of God in a unique way: on teams of all the vocations in communion with one another through a common spirituality. An Ecclesial Family Team therefore is composed of any combination of priests, consecrated sisters and brothers, and laity—single, married and whole families—manifesting communion in relationships and in service to God’s people.

Through our collaboration with one another on ecclesial teams, we strive to manifest the fruitfulness of communion in our relationships with one another and in service to all of God’s people. This is a concrete expression of the Church as the Mystical Body of Christ, who, though made up of many members, is united as one. The team also serves as a place of witness to and encounter with Christ, who affirmed “By this all shall know you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (Jn 13:35).

DEEPEST APOSTOLIC NEED

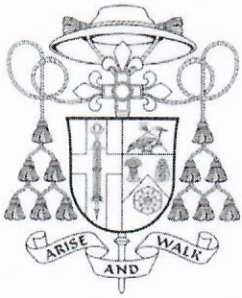
SOLT relies on the Bishops where we are called to serve, as the modern day apostles, to identify the deepest apostolic needs in the local Church. Such needs often are comprised of peoples the local Church is unable to serve. In response, SOLT stands in the gap, offers a ministry of presence, accompanying the people of God. Thus, ministries that we take on are varied, but are always marked by reaching out to the marginalized and those on the peripheries: the forgotten, the undesirable, the non-glorious works wherein the treasures of Christ’s love for the poor are found.

With missions throughout the world, we long to fulfill the command given by Jesus that we might “make disciples of all nations” in the New Evangelization. We do this by proclaiming the Gospel, catechizing and preparing others to receive the sacraments, caring for the household of the faith, and through works of mercy to those most in need. We serve in parishes and schools, we travel with migrants, provide retreats and days of prayer, serve in drug rehabilitation clinics, homes for abandoned and neglected children and elderly, virtually anywhere there is a deep need. In response to the cries of the poor, we seek to be the fiat of Mary to the Church, saying with our lives, “we will serve.”

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Not only is Jesus with you, but he awaits you in the heart of every person whom you serve in mission.

-Fr. Jim Flanagan, SOLT Founder



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP
DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

August 10, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with a heavy heart that I write to address the recent reports that Archbishop Theodore McCarrick, retired archbishop of Washington, engaged in inappropriate and abusive sexual conduct. The reports have filled me with feelings of betrayal and sadness, as well as profound empathy and sympathy for all those who have suffered harm when bishops failed to uphold and protect the safety and human dignity of people entrusted to their care.

The outrage that many people have expressed over the circumstances of this case is justifiable. This situation demands swift and decisive action to ensure that what led to these events can never be repeated. Formulating that response is something that will require us who are bishops to draw in a renewed way on the faith and expertise of all the baptized, lay and ordained alike.

As this work proceeds at a national level, it is important that we also focus on the processes in place here at home. In the Diocese of Manchester, we have policies, reporting procedures, and training programs that are designed to prevent, prohibit, and promptly address reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment by all Church personnel, including deacons, priests, and bishops. I want to emphasize that there is no one connected with the Diocese of Manchester, *including* the Bishop of Manchester, who is above the abuse reporting policies in place in this Diocese. We also have an Office for Healing and Pastoral Care which has been and remains available to offer support for anyone, whether an adult or minor, who is a victim or survivor of abuse, harassment, or exploitation, no matter how long ago the harm was suffered. Information about our reporting procedures, policies, programs, and Office for Healing and Pastoral Care can be found on our website: www.catholicnh.org/child-safety. I encourage you to learn to identify signs of abuse or harassment; complete the training programs; read the resources available on our website; share this information with your children and others; and address and make reports whenever you have concerns about the behavior of those who work or volunteer for the Church.

The fact that we have these policies and procedures in place should not be a cause for complaisance, however. The reports involving Archbishop McCarrick prompt us to revisit the procedures and the programs we have in place now so that we can be certain that they are indeed sufficient to protect both minors and adults and that we have adequately communicated how to report concerns about Church personnel, including bishops, priests, and deacons.

I have asked the Diocesan Review Board for help in evaluating our current policies, procedures, resources, and training programs to ensure that we are doing all we can to prevent abuse and harassment. The Diocesan Review Board consists of seven people, including lay parish representatives, a Catholic pastor, an Episcopalian priest, a lawyer, a person with experience treating those who were sexually abused, and a member of law enforcement. The Board will examine the situation involving Archbishop McCarrick, will consult with experts and others with knowledge and experience regarding these matters, and will make recommendations for improvements to our procedures and policies. Once complete, information about the recommendations of the Board and our policies will be posted to the diocesan website.

There is one final thing I would like to say, and it weighs heavily on my mind. As Pope Francis has put it, "God's dream always clashes with the hypocrisy of some of his servants." I know that, because of the failures of some Church leaders, some may be tempted to pull away from the Church. But it is important to remember that the Catholic Church is not the individual bishops and cardinals, or even the pope. The Church is all the people of God, working together in service to the world for the sake of the Gospel. The Church is the parishioners who offer mercy meals after funerals, the people who serve in Catholic food pantries and food banks serving the poor, the hungry, and the most vulnerable among us, those who serve in ministries that support and accompany the ill, the dying, and the immigrants and refugees, and the many good and faithful clergy and religious who have offered up their entire lives in humble service.

So I urge you not to be discouraged and not to be deterred. The world desperately needs the Church, and the Church desperately needs you. In the words of St. Teresa of Avila: "Christ has no body now but yours; no hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes with which he looks with compassion on this world. Christ has no body now on earth but yours."

While the temptation to separate and to create division may be strong, I hope that we can work together in unity to bring about the changes that will create a Church that is ever more holy and strong, true to its mission to lift up the dignity of every human person.

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci, D.D.
Bishop of Manchester

TO REPORT CHILD ABUSE

New Hampshire
DCYF: (800) 894-5533
and
Local law enforcement

Massachusetts
Child-at-Risk Hotline 800-792-5200
and
Local law enforcement

Diocese of Manchester
Bishop's Delegate for Ministerial Conduct:
delegate@rcbm.org or (603) 669-3100 x 149

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



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

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

Our Fall Bible share groups will be exploring the theme “Relating to Others as Jesus Would” *Loyola Press* states: “We will read some excerpts from the Gospels in order to examine how Jesus related to the people in his life. As we proceed, we will explore connections between what we find in Scripture and our own life. The goal is to become more like Jesus.”

If you are interested in joining a group either on Sunday mornings after the 10 a.m. Mass, beginning September 9, or on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m., beginning September 12, or Thursday afternoons at 1:30 p.m., beginning September 13; please cut the form at the bottom and complete. Completed forms should be returned either in the collection basket or the parish office no later than Tuesday, September 4. Any questions, contact Cathy Smith at 382-8324 or csmith@stluketheevangelist.net

Groups will meet downstairs in the Church Hall

(There is an \$8 book fee)

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

E-Mail _____ Cell Phone _____

Relating to Others as Jesus Would (check one)

Sundays at 11 a.m. ____ Wednesdays at 7 p.m. ____ Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. ____
 Sept. 9 – Oct. 14 Sept. 12 – Oct. 17 Sept. 13 – Oct. 18

✠ 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!

CONTEMPORARY CHOIR

The Contemporary Choir is always looking for new members. If you would like to sing with us or you can play an instrument, we would be overjoyed to have you join us! All ages and abilities are invited.

ALTAR SERVERS

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 – see Fr. Albert or 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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time | August 19, 2018

Christ, Our Spiritual Food

By Mary Katharine Deeley

I have a clear memory of leaning over to the classmate in the next row and complaining about an assignment we had just been given. I wasn't the only one. Throughout the classroom, pairs of heads came together in a wave of rolling eyes and muttered remarks. I suppose we thought it went unnoticed. "Is there anything you would like to share with the rest of the class?" the teacher asked. "No, thank you," was the general response. We were a little embarrassed at having been found out.

That long-ago recollection surfaced as I read that the crowd "murmured" when Jesus said that he was the bread that came down from heaven. The word is also used of the Israelites who "murmured" about their hunger in the desert. Jesus calls them out by answering the question they thought he didn't hear. When he explains that he is greater than the manna that kept them alive in the desert, they can't believe their ears. They couldn't see that Jesus was far more than they understood him to be and they did not have faith in him because of that.

Has there ever been a time when you have murmured to yourself or someone else about God? Maybe God called you to ministry and you didn't believe him. Maybe he asked you to give up something and you complained like I did in that class of years past. Maybe you think God has been unfair to you. Save you breath; God hears you. Instead, go to him. Pour out your questions and fears and, with an open and willing heart, listen to the promise of life he alone can give you. +

Sunday Readings

Proverbs 9:1-6

[Wisdom says,] "To any who lack sense I say, Come, eat of my food, and drink of the wine I have mixed!"

Ephesians 5:15-20

Therefore, do not continue in ignorance, but try to understand what is the will of the Lord.

John 6:51-58

[Jesus said,] I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

No famine, sword, or persecution can touch our spiritual food, Christ.

A Word From Pope Francis

Amid the din of so many voices, the Lord asks us to distinguish between what is from him and what is from the false spirit...to distinguish the word of wisdom that God speaks to us each day from the shouting of those who seek in God's name to frighten, to nourish division and fear.

—Jubilee for socially excluded people, November 13, 2016



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- Do I regularly attend Mass to receive Christ, our spiritual food?
- Do I share Christ's message of love with others?



Respecting All Life

By John Feister

“You shall not kill” (Exodus 20:13).

I’ve stood as an adult at life’s portals several times: once each at the birth of my sons, watching, encouraging, witnessing; again at the bedside of my mother as she passed into life hereafter. All were transition times: My sons surely were alive well before their birthdays; most parents can tell you that there are plenty of signs of life from the outset. At the other portal, I witnessed my mother’s passing with awe as she continued her journey to life everlasting.

When I consider those times, I am reminded of Jesus’ words in John’s Gospel: “I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly” (10:10). That positive promise of life is how I approach the Fifth Commandment, “You shall not kill.” It is certainly a prohibition, but like the other commandments, it is a command that we live to the fullest the life that God gives us.

We have a sad history of ignoring the promise of life from the earliest times—the story of Cain and Abel (Genesis 4:8–12) tells us that. But one could argue that respect for life never has been a more urgent issue than it is today. In his encyclical *The Gospel of Life (Evangelium Vitae)*, St. John Paul II named our culture’s lack of respect for life as one of the signs of our times.

When we talk of living abundantly,

the deepest meaning of “You shall not kill,” we’re talking about birth and natural death, but we’re talking about much more. We’re talking about openly and actively opposing abortion, but also talking about fighting those other things that take life away.

Global Solidarity

Anyone who has worked in the Third World or among the poor in our United States has witnessed how poverty takes away life and how our culture can strip human dignity, that is, take away respect for life by allowing or even causing poverty.

Being prolife, that is, against death, includes standing in solidarity with those who are powerless, from “womb to tomb.” It is among the brightest witnesses of the Church that acts of solidarity are everywhere in the good works of people building houses, working at soup kitchens, staffing pregnancy centers, opposing the death penalty, and advocating just laws, for example. All of these honor the Fifth Commandment.

The “culture of death” as John Paul called it, dishonors God. Taking of life medically by euthanasia, for example, puts us in the driver’s seat reserved for God. God’s command, “You shall not kill,” also gives us a grave responsibility

to avoid war. Catholics believe, of course, that there are times of legitimate self-defense, when killing is unavoidable and ethical. But nations, including our own, often cut a broader swath, resorting to war when war is unjustified.

Words of Life

It is the teachers of the Church, the bishops, who have framed the challenge of the Fifth Commandment so effectively. An American, the late Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, introduced the concept of “a consistent ethic of life” as a way to tie together all of the life issues that challenge us today.

Jesus taught us that all of the commandments are about being in right relationship with God and neighbor (Matthew 22:34-40). In an age where we can assert all manner of new and wonderful creativity and control over creation, the Fifth Commandment reminds us of the only true author: It is God, the giver of life, who calls us to have life, and have it more abundantly. +



Lord, you reveal the wisdom of God in the hearts of all people. Help me teach others by example the wisdom of your love, forgiveness, and peace.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS

August 20–25, 2018

Monday, St. Bernard:
Ez 24:15–23 / Mt 19:16–22

Tuesday, St. Pius X:
Ez 28:1–10 / Mt 19:23–30

Wednesday, Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Ez 34:1–11 / Mt 20:1–16

Thursday, Weekday:
Ez 36:23–28 / Mt 22:1–14

Friday, St. Bartholomew:
Rv 21:9b–14 / Jn 1:45–51

Saturday, Weekday:
Ez 43:1–7ab / Mt 23:1–12