

## MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, January 14, 2018  
Second Sunday In  
Ordinary Time

4:00 PM  
8:00 AM

Gathering: All Are Welcome BB 415

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 63)

*I will lift up my eyes at the name of  
the one who knows me well.*

Preparation Pescador de Hombres BB 504

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion: I Received The Living God BB 327  
Here I Am, Lord BB 379

Recessional: All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name  
BB 729

10:00 AM

Gathering: Let Us Go To The Altar BB 316

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 40)

*Here am I, O God, I come to do  
your will. Here am I, I come to do  
your will.*

Preparation You Are Mine BB 457  
Pescador de Hombres BB 504

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion: Behold The Lamb BB 339  
Shepherd Me, O God BB 459

Recessional: Sing A New Song BB 544



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Parish – Newton/Plaistow** and give us a Like! Please invite  
fellow parishioners and friends to do the same.

## ✠ PARISH TITHING ✠

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

### December 31, 2017

Offertory \$6,609.31

### January 1, 2018

Solemnity of Mary \$1,452.00

### January 7, 2018

Offertory \$7,747.76  
Property Management \$2,006.25

### 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

January 14, 2018 Seminarian Fund



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

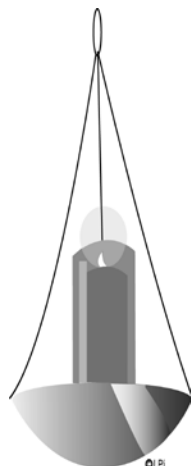
### Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on a Percentage Increase

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 ✠

### **FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT**

If you would like an "end of year" financial statement of your contributions to the parish for 2017, please call the Parish Office at 382-8324. **Financial Statements are issued on a request only basis.**



The Sanctuary Candle in  
Holy Angels Church  
will burn this week  
in loving memory of  
**Mary Coltin**  
by Colleen and Mark Hammond

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

### **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). For questions, please call the Parish Office at 603-382-8324. Be sure to choose:

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

### **From the Pastor's Desk**



### **HOLY ANGELS CEMETERY CLOSED**

**Holy Angels Cemetery in Plaistow is now closed until Spring 2018.** This decision comes as result of the real dangers of snow and ice in the Cemetery and the costs to Parishioners to inter during the winter months. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.  
Fr. Albert



### **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?***

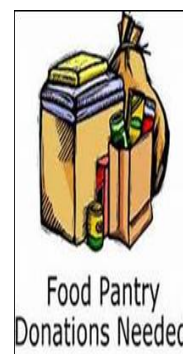
Any contribution is welcome.

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 WINTER...**

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

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### ✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

**Sunday, January 14**  
**10:00 AM** Religious Education – Pre-K to 8 *Plaistow*  
**11:00 AM** RCIA *Plaistow*

**Monday, January 15**  
**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

**Tuesday, January 16**  
**6:00 PM** Finance Council Meeting *Plaistow*

**Wednesday, January 17**  
**HOLY ANGELS CHURCH**  
**OPEN ALL DAY FOR PRAYER**  
**7:00 PM** Reader Scripture Share *Plaistow*  
**7:00 PM** St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting *Plaistow*

**Thursday, January 18**  
**8:30 AM** Adoration Begins *Newton*  
**9:00 AM** Intercessory Prayer *Plaistow*  
**8:30 PM** Adoration Ends *Newton*

**Saturday, January 20**  
**3:00 PM** Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

**Sunday, January 21**  
**10:00 AM** Religious Education – Pre-K to 8 *Plaistow*  
**11:00 AM** Reconciliation Retreat & Celebration of the  
 Sacrament (Gr. 2 Parents/Students) *Plaistow*  
**11:00 AM** RCIA *Plaistow*

### PRAYER LINE

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

**St. Vincent  
de Paul  
Society**



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

Our next meeting on **Wednesday, January 17 at 7:00 PM**. We meet downstairs in the Church Hall in Plaistow. **New members are always welcome!**

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

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

### ✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

**Saturday, January 13 ~ Vigil / 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42**  
**4:00 PM** Mary Coltin by Mark and Colleen Hammond  
*Plaistow*

**Sunday, January 14 ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42**  
**8:00 AM** Walter and Gladys Metcalf by their family  
*Newton*  
**10:00 AM** Pauline (Hines) Paris by Paul Roberts  
*Plaistow*

**Monday, January 15 ~ Weekday**  
**1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22**  
**8:00 AM** People of the Parish  
*Newton*

**Tuesday, January 16 ~ Weekday**  
**1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28**  
**8:00 AM** People of the Parish  
*Plaistow*

**Wednesday, January 17 ~ Anthony, Abbot**  
**1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6**  
**6:30 PM** People of the Parish  
*Plaistow*

**Thursday, January 18 ~ Weekday**  
**1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12**  
**8:00 AM** Renee Cameron (Month's Mind)  
*Newton*

**Friday, January 19 ~ Weekday**  
**1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19**  
*No Mass*

**Saturday, January 20 ~ Fabian, Pope and Martyr;  
Sebastian, Martyr**  
**2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21 (Day)**  
**Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20 (Vigil)**  
**4:00 PM** Ginny Brinkley by Carol and Bill Verge  
*Plaistow*

**Sunday, January 21 ~ Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20**  
**8:00 AM** Everett Burke by his wife  
 (Wedding Anniversary Remembrance)  
*Newton*  
**10:00 AM** Robert Rivard  
 by Knights of Columbus, Council 6617  
*Plaistow*

### 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.

## ✧ 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, February 4, 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:

It is time to prepare Ministry Schedules for **March through May 2018** (this includes Easter liturgies from Palm Sunday, March 25 to Easter Sunday, April 1, for which there will be sign-up sheets).

If there are any times at which you cannot serve or when you would really like to serve, Jeanne needs to be notified by **February 12**.

Contact **Jeanne Sullivan** at 382-4760 or [jmsul@myfairpoint.net](mailto:jmsul@myfairpoint.net).

Please remember to include your ministry and Mass time in your message. Please **contact Jeanne** and **NOT Jackie** because Jackie will just have to forward your email to Jeanne.

Please let Jeanne know your availability and desires for the Easter liturgies in case she needs to make phone calls.

Thanks, as always, for your help.

### 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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Parish Council	<a href="mailto:parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net">parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net</a>

✠ Parish News ~ Youth News ~ Around The Diocese ✠

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

In observance of the Martin Luther King holiday, the Parish Office will be closed on:

**Monday, January 15**

**HELP WANTED TO PUT AWAY  
CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

With Lent fast approaching, volunteers are welcome to help prepare the churches on **Sunday, February 11 following the 8:00 AM Liturgy in Newton and the 10:00 AM Liturgy in Plaistow.** Our tasks include taking down our Christmas decorations and some light clean up of the churches in preparation for the Lenten season. All are welcome to lend a hand – our work usually lasts just over an hour if we have all the help we can muster! Please contact the Parish Office for more information – or just stay after Mass!

**OPEN HOUSE**

**ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**Sunday, January 28, 2018**

**12:00 to 2:00 PM**

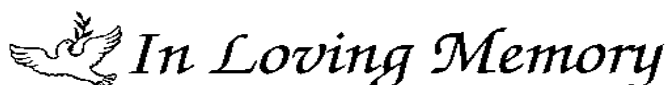
The St. Joseph Regional Catholic School in Salem invites you to their Open House for coffee and donuts on January 28 beginning at 12:00 Noon. They want to thank you for supporting and praying for them. Tours of the school will be available. Younger visitors are welcome to make a special winter craft with some of our students. Please come see the great things happening at St. Joe's. Questions? Contact [info@sjrcs.com](mailto:info@sjrcs.com) or 893-6811 ext. 19.



**WINTER 2018**

**6 WEEK BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS**

The Rockingham VNA & Hospice is offering 6-week interactive support groups that will explore the grieving process and provide an opportunity for those who are grieving to meet in a safe, supportive environment and share with others who are also grieving. Afternoon sessions are being offered in Epping, NH and evening sessions are being offered in Exeter, NH. For more information, call Molly Brewster at 772-2981.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

**Renee Cameron and Marrian Goodhue**

**THANK YOU!!!!**

**Kimberly's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Give Away**

Thank you so much!!! We've officially completed the 12<sup>th</sup> annual collection of "Kimberly's Holiday Give Away" and thanks to my many wonderful volunteers and all of those who've donated, we were able to successfully distribute 3,750 lbs. of clothing, 2 boxes of brand new toys, 2 boxes of children's books, 4.5 boxes of food, monetary donations of \$105, 1 box of toiletries, and 298 homemade cookies!!! Donations have been delivered to Ruth's House, Emmaus House, Common Ground, Catie's Closet, St. Luke's Food Pantry, and a few smaller donation sites. None of this would have been possible without this community's continued support and generosity. Thank you again and we will see you next year!!!

God Bless,  
Kimberly Andrade

**WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS**

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish Office, Holy Angels Cemetery Office, Saint Luke Food Pantry and the Parish Liturgical schedule complies with the longstanding inclement weather policy of Saint Luke Religious Education Program and Holy Angels Pre-School-Kindergarten:

**If the Timberlane and/or Sanborn regional school districts close because of inclement weather, ALL Parish Offices and Parish programs will be closed or suspended. All activities by any Parish or non-Parish groups will be cancelled for that day/evening on both campuses.**

In the event of a weather related closing, the scheduled weekday Liturgy will not be held and the intention (if any) will be moved to a conveniently available date. **Sunday (or Saturday evening) liturgies can never be cancelled, but all are advised to use prudence when deciding to travel to Church during winter storms.**

**PLEASE HELP US!**

**As you leave church, kindly take your Bulletin with you – or return it to the basket at the entrance of the Church, return your music book and Mass card to their proper place, and pick up after yourself as you leave. Thanks for being attentive and respectful! F. Albert.**

**ST. LUKE'S WEBSITE!**

**<http://stlukenh.org>**

# WELCOME!!!!

## WOMEN AND MEN PRAYER BREAKFAST



***“WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?”***

*(Matthew 16:15)*

Please join us for a reflection and talk by Sr. Deborah, OSF, on Saturday, January 27, at 9 a.m., with a snow date of February 3, in the Church Hall. We will come together for breakfast, a talk, discussion, and prayer. We will close our sharing and prayer at 12 noon. If you are interested in attending, please e-mail the office at [csmith@stluketheevangelist.net](mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net) by **Monday, January 22**, or call the office at 382-8324.

(There will be a free will offering that will be donated to The Little Sisters of Saint Francis.)

# The Gospel at Home

## This Sunday's Gospel: John 1:35–42

In this Sunday's Gospel, John the Baptist points to Jesus as "the Lamb of God." The Gospel also tells of the call of the first disciples. The story echoes the call of each member of the Church—to share in the mission of Jesus, his joy, and his sufferings. The title "Lamb of God" links Jesus to the symbol of Israel's redemption—the Paschal Lamb.

## Exploring the Gospel Message

**Seeds (Preschool):** This week's lesson emphasizes listening to the sounds around us. Children also need adults who will listen to them. Ask your child what barnyard sounds were heard in the lesson's story about Mark. Discuss the different things we hear and listen to at Mass. Talk about how hard it can be to listen to others.

**Promise (Grades K–1):** This week, your child explored the experience of having friends among family, schoolmates, and neighbors. Your child learned how Jesus made friends and gathered followers. Ask your child to show the story cutout he or she made in class and tell how all of us are connected to one another and to Jesus.

**Good News (Grades 2–3):** This week, your child learned about the Liturgy of the Word at Mass. Ask your child to tell you about this part of the Mass. The family can also play together the "Jesus, Come and See!" game. Talk about ways your family can show that you are followers of Jesus.

**Venture (Grades 4–6):** The class learned about one of the Church's more recently canonized saints, Pope Saint John XXIII, and how he helped to renew and change the Church. Ask your child to tell you about Pope John. The class also discussed vocations and learned that everyone has a call from God. Some are called to serve in a special way. Talk about the vocations to the priesthood, sisterhood, and brotherhood and others who serve. Discuss that marriage is also a very special call from God.

**Visions (Grades 7–8):** This week's lesson focused on God's call—a person's vocation. The young people discussed the various ways people live out their Christian vocation. Ask your son or daughter to share with the family the story of Jesuit Father Rutilio Grande, whose defense of the poor led to his death. Talk about ways your family can be good and true disciples of Jesus and what it means to live a holy life. Talk, too, about helping one another discover what God's calling is for each of you.

## Pray Together

When you complete your conversation about the week's Gospel lesson, try to join in a morning prayer or an evening prayer together each day for a week. The prayer does not have to be formal or structured, and it certainly does not need to be long. Pray together in your own words, too, that God will call good leaders and ministers for the Church and that each member of your family will be open to listening to God's call and answering with a resounding yes!

# Do Something for Lent. Renew your faith.

**Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018!** This Lent, Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish invites all to renew their faith by participating in the Church's annual retreat time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

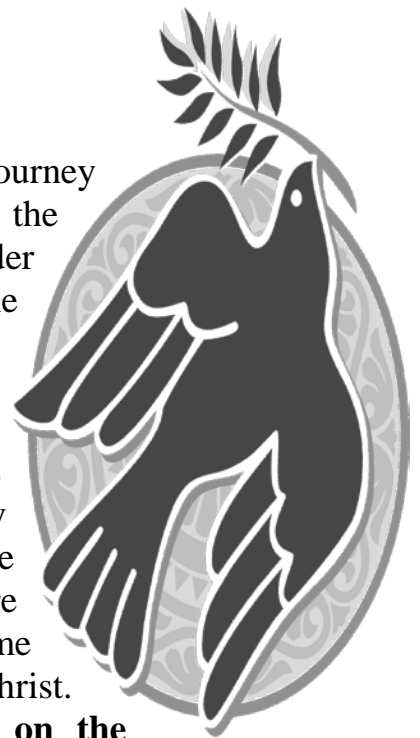
This year we are pleased to, once again, utilize the **“Disciples on The Journey”** book for our text.

What is the Lenten Journey about?

**It is about prayer!** Today we begin with prayer as our 2018 Lenten Journey program gets underway. Begin to pray in an active way about the upcoming Lenten season. Ask for the Spirit's guidance as you consider your involvement; pray that our Parish's Lenten Journey through the desert be blessed.

**Consider a small group!** Groups meet during Lent to discuss the upcoming Lenten Sunday Readings, and to share member's experiences of discipleship. We will use a text that follows the Sunday Lenten readings published by the Office of Catechetical Ministry of the Diocese of Victoria, TX. Adults, Families and Youth will learn more about Scripture, participate in interesting discussions, meet some wonderful people, and have the opportunity to build up the Body of Christ. FREE Teen AND Family downloads are available for **Disciples on the Journey** by visiting [www.victoriadiocese.org/catechetical/journey\\_files/journey.htm](http://www.victoriadiocese.org/catechetical/journey_files/journey.htm). El web-site para *Disciples on the Journey* proporciona secciones adicionales gratis para jóvenes y familia.

**What else?** During Lent, special *Paschal Mission* inserts in the weekly bulletin will focus on the Lenten Scriptures and on discipleship in the real world. Sunday Homilies will touch on living Jesus' Gospel and on the questions discussed at Group meetings.



**Small Group sign-ups begin next weekend, January 21!  
Registration Forms will be in the bulletin.**

**Group Meetings begin the week of February 11.**

## ✠ AROUND THE PARISH & DIOCESE ✠



### **MARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH**

**Did you know that ALL Catholics are required to be married in the Church as a condition of the validity of their marriage?**

Any Catholic married in a civil ceremony (JP) or in any religious ceremony other than a Catholic one (unless specifically excepted by the Bishop) is not living out the Sacrament of Marriage in its fullness according to the teaching of the Church. Contact Father Albert at the parish office for more information.

### **STAY INFORMED WITH FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP NEWS**

The Diocese of Manchester wants to inform Catholics about important public policy matters facing our elected officials. Faithful Citizenship News provides briefs on legislation as well as information about Catholic social teaching on some of today's pressing issues. To read the current issue of Faithful Citizenship News and to subscribe, visit [www.catholicnh.org/fcnews](http://www.catholicnh.org/fcnews).



Altar Flowers are a special opportunity for remembering a departed loved one or offering thanksgiving for a blessing or family event. A floral arrangement placed in front of the altar for the Sunday Liturgy can be purchased for an offering of \$85 (*increase is due to change in size of arrangement and deliver charge*), with an accompanying announcement in the weekly bulletin. Availability is limited according to the Liturgical Calendar. Offerings can be reserved on a first-come basis by contacting the Parish Office at 382-8324.

### **SANCTUARY CANDLES**

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



### **HOW TO MAKE A REPORT OF SEXUAL ABUSE**

Child sexual abuse is a crime in the State of New Hampshire and the Church. New Hampshire law requires that anyone who has reason to suspect that a child is being or has been abused or neglected must make a report to the Division for Children, Youth & Families ("DCYF") of the State of New Hampshire, 1-800-894-5533. Any person who suspects or alleges child abuse on the part of a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer of a parish, school, or institution of the diocese of Manchester is also encouraged to make a report to the Office for Ministerial Conduct, 603-669-3100. Church personnel – clergy, paid employees, and volunteers – have additional reporting requirements if they believe that Church personnel have sexually abused a child. You can learn more about these reporting requirements on the diocesan website at [www.catholicnh.org](http://www.catholicnh.org) or by speaking with our Parish Safe Environment Coordinator, Cathy Smith at 382-8324.

### **PLEASE HELP US!**

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

**F. Albert.**



### **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Don't you and your spouse deserve a beautiful, romantic weekend away together? Get away from all those worldly anxieties and take time to just focus on each other by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance, and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend in New England. For more information, call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-9963 or visit [www.wwme.org](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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## Drawn Toward Christ

By Mary Katharine Deeley

When I started in campus ministry, I was fortunate to meet a wonderful priest who had worked with college students for many years. I watched him carefully on Sundays and at student gatherings, picking up valuable information about how to talk to students, conduct myself professionally, and bring out the best in others and in myself.

Over the years we worked together, I observed many campus ministers—all age ranges, lay and ordained—seeking him out for advice and counsel. I referred more than a few. I also enjoyed our

conversations and nearly always left our meetings with more wisdom than when I started.

I wonder what Andrew and the other disciples thought when John called Jesus “the Lamb of God.” Whatever it was, they must have seen in Jesus someone who could answer their questions or give them something they were lacking. Maybe they saw a person their teacher admired and decided to seek his wisdom for themselves.

Whatever it was, something compelled them to follow Jesus, and Jesus’ own invitation to “come and see” whetted their curiosity and desire even more.

Today we might call that the impulse of the Spirit, who draws us to Christ even when we’re not sure why. The challenge for us is to have the courage to follow Jesus, ask where he’s staying, and walk with him even if we can’t see where it will lead us.

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## A Word From Pope Francis

This is a lesson for each one of us....If we let ourselves be led by the Holy Spirit, if we are able to mortify our selfishness to make room for the Lord’s love and for his will, we will find peace, we will be builders of peace and will spread peace around us.

—Address to pilgrims in Bergamo, Italy,  
June 3, 2013



## Sunday Readings

### 1 Samuel 3:3b–10, 19

The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, “Here I am.”

### 1 Corinthians 6:13c–15a, 17–20

The body...is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body.

### John 1:35–42

[Jesus said,] “You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

### ONE QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

- Are you named after a saint or someone in particular?
- If so, how does that saint or person inspire you?



# Becoming People of Sexual Integrity

By Jim and Susan Vogt

The U.S. statistics on premarital sex (81 to 95 percent), marital infidelity (15 to 80 percent, studies vary widely) and births to single mothers (40 percent) are open to interpretation. They might reflect a loss of morality or be manifestations of searching for how to live as sexual beings. These numbers and their interpretations can disturb Catholics, who have been taught that sex outside of marriage is wrong. A committed Christian can feel like an alien in a foreign land.

Is fidelity in marriage passé? Is chastity a virtue only for priests and vowed religious? In its fullest sense, chastity applies to everyone—not just those who take a vow of chastity—since it means using one's sexuality according to one's state in life.

The Church calls single people to chastity because human sexual expression carries with it the power of intimate union and of creating new life. It's nothing to take lightly. If a man and woman aren't committed to one another, the bond created by their sexual union isn't a total gift of self and is thus conditional.

How does a faithful Catholic stay faithful in a culture that seems to minimize or ignore the importance of keeping the sexual expression of love

within marriage? One approach is to rail against those who engage in sex outside of marriage. But that won't change the reality that there will always be those who can't connect the dots between sexual intercourse and marriage. We can't control another's behavior. We can only love the person.

Does the Church have a message for spouses who are trying to live with sexual integrity? Is it just a matter of not having sexual affairs? After years of working with engaged and married couples, we've learned that infidelity usually doesn't start with sex. It starts with not paying attention—or paying too much attention to someone or something else.

Infidelity may start as an innocent office friendship. It may be fueled by boredom with a spouse. Children naturally divert energy from marriages. But adultery also comes in nonhuman forms. The "mistress" might be excessive dedication to one's job. Technology becomes the "other woman" when a spouse spends hours on the Internet. It might not be pornography, but it's still taking the place of time with one's spouse.

Chastity in marriage isn't only about what a couple shouldn't do, but also about what they should do. *Theology of the Body* emphasizes that our God-given gift of sexuality requires a total giving of self to the other. This sacrificial love means keeping love alive through words and deeds: letting my husband have his way even if I think my way is better or giving up a favorite TV program because

my wife wants to talk. It also includes making time to nurture romance so that one's marriage doesn't drift toward substitute loves. Focusing on the positive qualities of your spouse builds the relationship. It may sound flip, but a compliment a day keeps divorce away.

If you're a parent of a teen or young adult, your concern may be the sexual mores of the younger generation. With premarital sex and cohabitation becoming normative, what's a parent to say? Not much. The time for sharing your values is before they reach the age for these choices. After that, you continue to model wholesome relationships, pray for them, celebrate with them if a relationship grows into a permanent commitment, and stand by to help pick up the pieces if it doesn't.

The bottom line? Are your human relationships, whether or not they involve sexual expression, life-giving and generous? What must you do to make them so? +

## PRAYER

Lord, draw me close to your heart  
that I may come to know and love  
you more deeply.

From *Peaceful Meditations  
for Every Day in Ordinary Time*,

Rev. Warren J. Savage  
and Mary Ann McSweeney

## WEEKDAY READINGS

January 15–20

Mon. Weekday:  
1 Sm 15:16–23 / Mk 2:18–22  
Tue. Weekday:  
1 Sm 16:1–13 / Mk 2:23–28  
Wed. St. Anthony:  
1 Sm 17:32–33, 37, 40–51 / Mk 3:1–6

Thu. Weekday: 1 Sm 18:6–9; 19:1–7  
/ Mk 3:7–12  
Fri. Weekday: 1 Sm 24:3–21  
/ Mk 3:13–19  
Sat. Weekday: 2 Sm 1:1–4, 11–12,  
19, 23–27 / Mk 3:20–21

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