

MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, March 4, 2018 Third Sunday Of Lent

4:00 PM 8:00 AM

Gathering:Hold Us In Your MercyResponsorial Psalm (Psalm 91)Be with me, Lord, when I am in
trouble; be with me, Lord, I pray.PreparationSacred Silence BB 545Mass PartsMass of Christ the SaviorCommunion:I Am The Bread Of Life BB 364
Shepherd Of Souls BB 365

Recessional: We depart in silence during Lent

10:00 AM

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PreparationO God, You Search Me BB 438
Remember Your Love BB 662Mass PartsMass of Christ the Savior

Communion: I Am The Bread Of Life BB 364 Ubi Caritas BB 480

Recessional: We depart in silence during Lent



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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	

✤ 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!

<u>February 14, 2018</u> Churches in Eastern Europe	\$1,009.00
February 18, 2018	
Offertory Fuel	\$5,596.57 \$1,474.25
February 25, 2018 Offertory	\$6,316.91

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

March 4, 2018

Property Management



Out of respect, please remember to silence or turn off your cell phones during Mass. Thank you!

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	\$18.70	\$19.50	\$21.00
\$10.00	\$12.50	\$13.00	\$14.00
\$5.00	\$6.25	\$6.50	\$7.00

HOLY IS HIS NAME

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.**

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER

Evening Prayer is sung at Newton at 6:00 PM on all Sundays of Lent. Join us for a quiet time of prayer and reflection. The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available immediately after Evening Prayer each Sunday of the Lenten Season.





STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will take place each Friday evening during Lent at 6:30 PM in Newton. A soup supper will follow Stations on Friday, March 23.

JOIN THE CHOIR FOR EASTER

Have you ever wanted to "lift your voice in song" to God, especially at Easter time? Can you spare a couple of hours on Tuesday nights? Why not join the adult choir for Easter this year? No previous experience or special skills are required! We will be rehearsing every **Tuesday night at 7:00 PM** through Holy Week. This is a short-term commitment and a great way to experience a new ministry. For more information, contact Val Barczak, Parish Music Director, at mymbarczak@comcast.net.



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.



Donations Needed

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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10:00 AM 11:00 AM 11:00 AM 11:00 AM 11:00 AM 11:00 AM 6:00 PM	Religious Education – Pre-K to 8 Confirmation Session First Eucharist Meeting RCIA Disciples On The Journey Baptism Catechesis Vespers	Plaistow Plaistow Plaistow Plaistow Plaistow Plaistow Newton
6:30 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Newton
7:00 PM	<u>Monday, March 5</u> Knights of Columbus	Plaistow
7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Wednesday, March 7 HOLY ANGELS CHURCH OPEN ALL DAY FOR PRAYER Disciples On The Journey Reader Scripture Share	Plaistow Plaistow
8:30 AM 9:00 AM 1:30 PM 8:30 PM	<u>Thursday, March 8</u> Adoration Begins Intercessory Prayer Disciples On The Journey Adoration Ends	Newton Plaistow Plaistow Newton
6:30 PM	Friday, March 9 Stations of the Cross	Newton
3:00 PM 5:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation St. Patrick's Dinner & Celebration	Plaistow Plaistow
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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**, **March 21 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.

	arch 3 ~ Vigil / Third Sunday of Lent /7; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25
	Paul O'Leary by Jack and Barbara Brotz Plaistow
	rch 4 ~ Third Sunday of Lent /7; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25
8:00 AM	Andy Gagnon by Ray and Flo Cooper Newton
10:00 AM	Joyce Valli by Cathy Smith <i>Plaistow</i>
<u>Monday, Ma</u> 2 Kgs 5:1	<u>rch 5 ~ Lenten Weekday</u> I-15b; Lk 4:24-30
8:00 AM	For Michael and his recovery Newton
	arch 6 ~ Lenten Weekday 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
8:00 AM	Susan Bouchard by Norman Bouchard <i>Plaistow</i>
Wednesday	, March 7 ~ Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs 9; Mt 5:17-19
6:30 PM	Mary Sceggell by Jack and Barbara Brotz Plaistow
	larch 8 ~ John of God, Religious
Jer 7:23- 8:00 AM	28; Lk 11:14-23 Frank J. Bukowski by his wife, Grace <i>Newton</i>
	ch 9 ∼ Frances of Rome, Religious -10; Mk 12:28-34 No Mass
Hos 6:1-6	arch 10 ~ Lenten Weekday 5; Lk 18:9-14 (Day)
2 Chr 36: 4:00 PM	14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21 (Vigil) Irene Lee by Nancy and Jerry Lee Plaistow
Sunday, Ma	rch 11 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent 14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
8:00 AM	The Intentions of the Daniels Family Newton
10:00 AM	Mary Reynolds by her family Plaistow

PRAYER LINE

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

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

MARCH 4, 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.

<u>RCIA</u>

The <u>**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**</u> 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 <u>csmith@stluketheevangelist.net</u>.

PARENTS BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION

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



RICE BOWLS AVAILABLE

Operation Rice Bowl is the official Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services. Each Lent, parishes, schools and other faith communities participate in Operation Rice Bowl to learn more about the work of CRS and put their faith into action. Operation Rice Bowl provides funding to CRS for many third world projects that promote agricultural, nutritional and educational sufficiency. Additionally, Operation Rice Bowl supports local anti-poverty programs. Rice Bowls are available at the entrances of both Churches and are **due back by Holy Thursday**, **March 29**.

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 <u>csmith@stluketheevangelist.net</u>.

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



Paul Cote Joseph Thompson Bernard Bush

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Daylight Savings Time begins on **Sunday, March 11**. Remember to turn your clocks ahead 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 10!



<u>CENTERING PRAYER</u> <u>AND LECTIO DIVINA: AN INTRODUCTION</u> March 6, 13, 20, 27, 2018 April 17, 24, 2018 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Our Lady of Hope House of Prayer in New Ipswich, NH invites you to learn the fundamentals of each of these methods of prayer. Each week you will view a portion of Fr. Thomas Keating's instructive video on Centering Prayer. The video will be followed each week by a group Centering Prayer experience. Time for sharing the experience of your at-home practice of Centering Prayer will also be a part of the meeting. An explanation of the four steps of Lectio Divina will be presented in the fourth week. The Group Centering Prayer will be followed by Lectio Divina. Come to experience the peace and transformation that these two methods of prayer can bring to your prayer. Though attendance at all six sessions is encouraged, you may come to as many as you are able. For more information, contact Sisters Rita Pay or Suzanne Rivard, p.m. at 603-878-2346 or olhope1@yahoo.com.

DIOCESAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Manchester are currently registering students for the 2018-2019 academic year. Parishioners who are planning to register at Catholic Schools should contact the school directly for information. A subsidized tuition rate is available for qualified parishioners for elementary and middle schools. In order to be eligible for the tuition subsidy, a family must be (a) registered in a Parish for at least a year prior to the school year; (b) be contributing members of the Parish; and (c) be involved in the Parish Community. Each school has information about this reduced rate; you can also contact the Parish Office for more information. Visit the Diocesan website at www.catholicnh.org for more information.

ST. PATRICK CELEBRATION IRISH BOILED DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will be holding an Irish Boiled Dinner on Saturday, March 10 from 5:00 to 7:30 PM in the Parish Center. The funds raised from the meal will be used by the Knights to help support St. Luke's Food Pantry and the Parish's Capital Improvement Campaign. The boiled dinner will consist of corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, turnips, desserts, and refreshments. Hot dogs will be available for the kids. There will be Irish Music and an Irish Step Dancing exhibition. There will be several raffles for Irish theme baskets, gift items, and a 50/50 Raffle. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$4 for kids, with a \$30 maximum per family. There will also be meals available for take-out. Tickets will go on sale after Mass on the weekends of February 24 and March 3 and will also be available at the door. If you would like to donate a gift or a theme basket, please contact Stephanie Meader at 603-974-2281. If you have any questions or would like to help with the event, please contact Ed Wencis at 603-362-5783 or Roland Richardson at 443-848-3328.



The Sanctuary Candle in Mary, Mother of the Church will burn this week in loving memory of **Joseph D. Gibbs** by his wife Helen and family

DISCIPLES ON THE JOURNEY Disciples On The Journey offers downloads for families and teens. For more information, go to www.disciplesonthejourney.org

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-If the Timberlane and/or Sanborn Kindergarten: 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.

Lenten Prayer and Liturgy

The Church invites all people to special moments of prayer during the season of Lent. It is a common custom for people to make room in their schedule for daily Eucharist, which we celebrate as follows during the Lenten season:

Monday	8 am	Newton
Tuesday	8 am	Plaistow
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Plaistow
Thursday	8 am	Newton

Another Lenten custom involves taking a journey... to the Holy Land! Going on pilgrimage has always been an important part of our Christian tradition. By visiting a place where a religious event occurred, a



Praying the stations of the cross

pilgrim hoped to share in the experience associated with that place. The desire to visit Jerusalem and the Holy Land was very important to Christians long ago, but because of the danger and expense of travel, and the political climate of Palestine, such a journey was not always feasible. When the Friars of the Franciscan Order took over the care of the Holy Places in Jerusalem in 1342, they began to erect "Stations" in Churches back home in Europe. It was a way to "go" to the Holy Land without ever leaving home. The custom of the Stations quickly spread to parish Churches, and the devotion of the Stations of the Cross was born.

We walk the **Stations of the Cross each Friday of Lent at 6:30 at NEWTON** Using various versions and forms of the Stations, and led by various groups

in the Parish, we make Jesus' journey to the Cross our own. On March 23, we will conclude our evening Stations with a Lenten Soup Supper.

Baptismal Font and Holy Water Font

During Lent, we pray and prepare to renew our own Baptismal promises even as we pray as a community for those to be Baptized. Following ancient custom, the Sacrament of Baptism is not ordinarily celebrated during Lent, and the Baptismal Font itself is sealed. We also "fast" from the Baptismal



water usually present at the doors of the Church. The entire Church waits with Jesus in the desert, praying for the Living Waters of Easter.

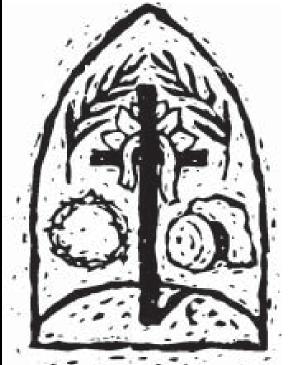


Lenten Space, Silence, & Music

During Lent, the Church's lighting is dimmed so as to encourage an atmosphere of prayer and introspection. Our Assembly's music is more meditative and somber. We leave at the end of Mass in silence, reflecting on our mission as Disciples to pray, fast, and to give of ourselves in the coming week.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

FASTING



Fasting for anyone between 21 and 59 years of age means having only one full meal to maintain one's strength. Two smaller meatless and penitential meals are permitted according to one's needs, but should not equal the one full meal. One may, however, enter more into the spiritual element of fasting and not partake of any of the above-mentioned meals. Eating between meals is not permitted; but liquids, including milk and juices are allowed. Days of fasting are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Wednesdays and Fridays are also traditional fast days; however, one may fast on any day of the week.

ABSTINENCE

Abstinence is the observance for all those 14 years of age or older to forego the eating of meat on: Ash Wednesday; all Fridays in Lent and on Good Friday. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, this discipline does not apply.

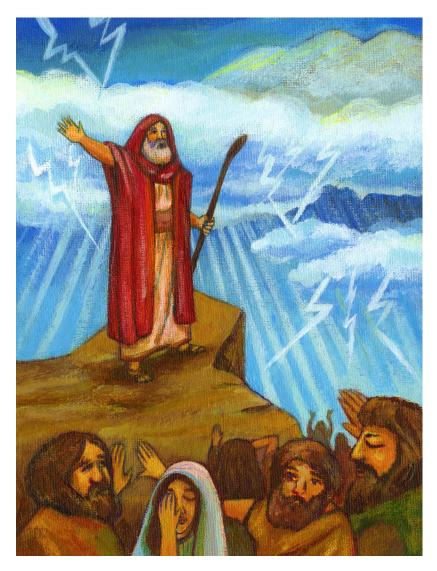
EASTER PRECEPT

The Easter Precept – or Easter Duty is the decree for all the faithful to **receive Holy Communion at least during the Easter Season** (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2042). The faithful must celebrate the **Sacrament of Penance at least once a year in preparation for the reception of Holy Eucharist.** Traditionally, the Church has marked the time in which one may fulfill the Easter Duty between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday. A monthly celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is encouraged for all.

PRAYER AND ALMSGIVING

All of the faithful are encouraged to spend additional time in prayer during the Lenten season, and to participate in the devotional practices of the Parish. It is also praise worthy for the faithful to give generously to charities and to their Church during this Season of Sacrifice.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Law of Love

Holy God, you established a covenant with your people Israel and gave them the law to direct their hearts. Keep us ever mindful of the law of love revealed in your Son, Jesus, who liberates us from sin and directs our hearts. Give us strength to follow Christ and wisdom to discern his presence. Have mercy on us, O Lord, and banish from us all that keeps us from you. Grant us ears to hear your life-giving words, which are like honey from the comb, so that, as temples of their Holy Spirit, we may proclaim your majesty to all nations. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, March 4, 2018 Temples

Today's Readings: Exodus 20:1–17; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; 1 Corinthians 1:22–25; John 2:13–25. Today's Gospel is filled with much emotion and action. Imagine yourself either as a merchant or one of the bystanders who observe these events unfold. Jesus, using a whip, drives the merchants from his Father's house. After sitting with this experience, what insight do you gain? Who is Jesus?

The temple is a main theme this week. Jesus makes a bold claim that he will destroy the temple and raise it in three days. Of course, we know the ending of the story, but those in the moment must have been confused. Jesus' actions and words invite us to contemplate the mystery of the Incarnation. To encounter Jesus is an encounter with the living God. Jesus' radical proclamation in this passage was likely missed by those present. Through Jesus' death and Resurrection, a new covenant is created. No longer, as in the passage from Exodus, will our relationship to God be measured only by how the Commandments are kept. In Christ, the new temple, the sacrament of God's presence, our relationship is measured by how well our lives are patterned after Jesus.

In Baptism, we died with Christ and we rose to new life. In Baptism, we became temples of the Holy Spirit, which means our bodies are to be honored and others are to be respected as sacred vessels who announce God's love. What must you die to in your life in order to be raised up? As a prayer mantra this week, use today's Psalm refrain "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, March 5 The Need for Healing

In the Gospel, Jesus tells us that a prophet is not accepted in his native place. As he tells of the healing of Naaman, by Elisha, Jesus shows the power of God's Word. Like the prophets of old, Jesus announces and shares the Good News. Jesus was driven out of town because of what he said. When have you heard Jesus but were unwilling to heed his instructions? Naaman eventually listened to Elisha and was healed. Spend fifteen minutes in silent prayer, listening to God. *Today's Readings: 2 Kings 5:1–5ab; Psalm 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Luke 4:24–30.*

Tuesday, March 6 Boundless Mercy

We hear Peter again ask about forgiveness. Jesus reminds Peter that since God's mercy has no limits, we cannot put a number on the amount of times we should forgive another. Consider the Lord's Prayer. It reminds us, as does the parable, that we are to forgive as God forgives. At dinner, using the crosses you made that first week, discuss the importance of forgiveness. *Today's Readings: Daniel 3:25, 34–43; Psalm 25:4–5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8–9; Matthew 18:21–35.*

Wednesday, March 7 Sts. Perpetua and Felicity

The two saints we remember today were beheaded at public games in Carthage because they refused to deny their Christian faith. The First Reading reminds us to keep the commandments. Look carefully at verse nine, which warns us to not forget the things we have seen. Like Perpetua and Felicity, we have seen the living God and we must not forget his love and mercy. We are called to give witness to the Paschal Mystery in all we do. Pray today for widows and all those unjustly imprisoned. *Today's Readings: Deuteronomy* 4:1, 5–9; Psalm 147:12–13, 15–16, 19–20; Matthew 5:17–19.

Thursday, March 8 God's People

Jeremiah has a tough audience before him. The Lord has said that those who listen and follow him will be his people and prosper, but the Lord reveals to Jeremiah that the people have not listened. This refusal of the people to listen is heard many times during Lent. Time and time again, the Lord sent prophets to his people to call them back, and yet, they remained in the darkness of their hearts. Do the People of God listen today? To open your heart to God's voice, pray the refrain to the Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. *Today's Readings: Jeremiah 7:23–28; Psalm 95:1–2, 6–7, 8–9; Luke 11:14–23.*

Friday, March 9 St. Frances of Rome

The reading from Hosea paints a picture of God's profound love for his people. God yearns for us to turn back to him and share in his life and love our neighbor as ourselves. This is exactly what Frances of Rome did. She longed for the Lord, which led her to serve Rome's poor. We are also called to witness God's love. This caring for neighbor is a prophetic voice, like Hosea's, that calls all people to share in the life God offers. Today consider how you can help the poor in your community during the next week. Perhaps you could make a dessert for the homeless shelter. *Today's Readings: Hosea 14:2–10; Psalm 81:6c–8a, 8bc–9, 10–11ab, 14 and 17; Mark 12:28–34.*

Saturday, March 10 Return to the Lord

Hosea's words are clear that God will heal all that is weak and dead within us. When we turn to God in love, we grow in faith and holiness and God showers us with love so that we might live. What does it look like to love God? Let the coming spring be a reminder of God's unfading love for us. Take time to pray with the images of the First Reading today. *Today's Readings: Hosea* 6:1–6, *Psalm* 51:3–4, 18–19, 20–21ab; Luke 18:9–14.

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SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST LENT- EASTER LITURGICAL SCHEDULE 2018

THE BEGINNING OF THE LENTEN FAST FEBRUARY 14 ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY 8 am Newton & 6:30 pm Plaistow

LENTEN SEASON DAILY LITURGIES:

M 8 am Newton

- T 8 am Plaistow
- W 6:30 pm Plaistow
- Th 8 am Newton

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Plaistow: Saturdays 3:00 pm (except Holy Saturday); Newton: Sundays of Lent 6:30 pm Monday of Holy Week (March 26 - Plaistow 11:00am - 1:00 PM, Newton 5:00-7:00 PM

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER: Sunday evenings of Lent at Newton, 6 pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Fridays of Lent - 6:30 pm – at Newton Lenten Soup Supper Friday March 23 following Stations

HOLY WEEK

Monday of Holy Week March 26– Liturgy at 8 am - Newton Tuesday of Holy Week March 27– Liturgy at 8 am - Plaistow Wednesday of Holy Week March 28 – Liturgy at 6:30 pm - Plaistow Tenebrae at 7:30 PM

PASCHAL TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY MARCH 29 Morning prayer 8 am - Newton Mid-day prayer 12 noon - Newton LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 6:30 PM - Newton -Eucharistic Adoration follows-Night Prayer 10:00 pm - Newton

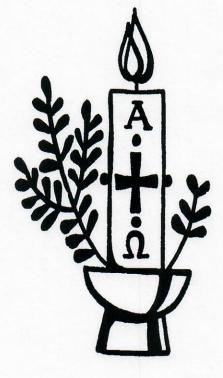
GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 30 - Morning prayer 8 am - Plaistow Mid-day prayer 12 noon - Plaistow Stations of the Cross 3 pm - Newton SERVICE OF THE LORD'S PASSION & HOLY COMMUNION 6:30 PM - Plaistow

HOLY SATURDAY March 31– Morning Prayer 8 am - Plaistow Mid-day Prayer 12 noon - Plaistow

EASTER GREAT VIGIL AT 8 PM - Plaistow (Reception in Hall to follow)

APRIL 1 EASTER SUNDAY LITURGIES 8 AM – Newton 10 AM – Plaistow

Easter Solemn Vespers with Benediction at 6 pm - Newton



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3rd Sunday of Lent • March 4, 2018 • Jesus Cleanses the Temple Sunday Readings: Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

Weekly Discussion Questions

For the Parish Bulletin

Life Question: What housecleaning do you need to do in your life?

Gospel Question: Why did Jesus drive out the money changers from the Temple?

LIFE AND GOSPEL QUESTIONS BY AGE LEVEL

Exploring the Sunday Readings (Adults)

We dip our buckets in many wells. How do you prepare for the day most of these will run dry? Visit **exploringthesundayreadings.com**

Visions (Grades 7-8)

Life Question: What angers young people your age the most?

Gospel Question: Why does Jesus chase the merchants and moneychangers out of the Temple courtyard?

Venture (Grades 4-6)

Life Question: What does God ask of you? Gospel Question: What changes does Jesus' anger prompt him to make?

Good News (Grades 2-3)

Life Question: What groups do you belong to? Gospel Question: How do you show you belong to Jesus?

Promise (Grades K-1)

Life Question: What should you do when you hurt someone's feelings? Gospel Question: Why did Jesus go to the Temple?

Seeds (Preschool) Life Question: What are some ways your family prays together? Gospel Question: What do you ask Jesus for?

About the Gospel

Jesus does not like injustice or bad actions. In today's Gospel, he is not happy with the people who are using the Temple for profit rather than for love of God. He says the Temple will be destroyed and built again in three days, but he is talking about himself!

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

In Church

people in need.

Put some money in the **of the Week** Sunday collection to help What things in your l

What things in your life do you need to get rid of so you can focus more on God?

Question

Family Prayer

Holy Spirit, show us how to let go of things we do not need.

Rincon de la Familia

Family

Corner

Acerca del Evangelio

A Jesús no le gustan la injusticia ni las malas acciones. En el Evangelio de hoy, no está contento con la gente que usa el Templo para obtener ganancias y no para el amor de Dios. Dice que el Templo será destruido y construido nuevamente en tres días, ¡pero está hablando de sí mismo!

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

En la Iglesia

Pon algo de dinero en la colecta del domingo para ayudar a la gente necesitada.

Pregunta de la semana

¿De qué cosas en tu vida te tienes que desprender para poder enfocarte más en Dios?

Oración en familia

Espíritu Santo, muéstranos como desprendernos de cosas que no necesitamos.



Bringing Home the Word

Third Sunday of Lent | March 4, 2018

The Spirit of the Ten Commandments

By Mary Katharine Deeley

T he license plate on a friend's car reads "56789." When someone asked him about it, he said, "Those are the commandments I'm good at." We all had a laugh but, in truth, the commandments bear deeper reflection.

To pretend that our obedience to the Ten Commandments is limited to the literal words themselves is spiritually shallow. We may not have killed someone, but have we ever thought how much better it would be if someone weren't in our workplace or school? Have we ever hated someone with a passion that interferes with our actions?

We may not have stolen something from a store, but have we ever taken anything that doesn't belong to us—ideas, supplies from work? These don't belong to us. Are there ways in which we really want what a friend has or fail to remain faithful in body, mind, and spirit? The Ten Commandments impact us far more than we realize.

In today's Gospel, Jesus demonstrates how far the moneychangers in the temple area have strayed from the true spirit of the worship of God. They probably hadn't given it much thought—it was the way they'd always done business. But their action made things difficult for others.

God demands a transformation that deals not only with the wrong everyone can see, but with the subtle ways we violate God's laws and fail to love. The middle of Lent is a good time for us to make this change and, if we need to do so, repent. +

A Word From Pope Francis

Men and women are sacrificed to the idols of profit and consumption: it is the "culture of waste"....[When] someone dies, that is not news. When the stock market drops ten points, [it] is a tragedy!...People are thrown aside as if they were trash.

> —General audience, UN World Environment Day, June 5, 2013



Sunday Readings

Exodus 20:1-17

[God said,] "You shall not steal."

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

John 2:13-25

[Jesus said,] "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace."



- How does my faith foster humility in me?
- Are my Lenten practices helping me to be purified from sin and faithful to the gospel?



The Many Forms of Stealing And How We Can Honor the Seventh Commandment

By Kathy Coffey

"You shall not steal" (Exodus 20:15). We might think, "Whew! Got off easy on that one!" We law-abiding sorts don't pilfer office supplies, skim from the collection plate, shoplift, or rob banks. At last, this is one commandment we're handily observing, right?

Right—if we stick to the letter of the law. But the commandments are demanding, calling us beyond superficial observance. There are more forms of stealing than we might recognize. Let's look first at homegrown forms, then at the larger picture of social justice.

For example, we rob our families of hours together when we work overtime at jobs to buy more than necessities.

The Church has long taught that people created by God are too precious to be merely a means of profit. Our birthright gifts as God's children include dignity, security, the divine, transcendent love. So why do we hoard lesser things?

We steal a person's enthusiasm with negative comments. We quash plans that sound naïve to us, quell a child's creativity, stifle the initiative of a new employee. Unfounded fears can block imaginative solutions and worse—the inspiration of the Spirit.

Two forms of theft steal from the present: *anxiety* over the future or *mulling* about the past. Both rob the current moment of grace and potential.

It's Not Just About Us

The items in closets that don't fit or aren't worn—these too are stolen from those who could be using them, who might actually be thrilled to have them. As St. Basil reminds us: "The coat in your closet belongs to the naked. The shoes rotting in your basement belong to the barefoot."

Our property and talents belong to us but were given by God for the benefit of others. Here again, our model is Christ, who "became poor although he was rich, so that by his poverty you might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9).

A look through the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reveals social dimensions of this commandment, condemning: the payment of unjust wages, bribes to legislators, breaking a contract, and "work poorly done." Furthermore, discrimination against women and immigrants, denying them job access, violates the Seventh Commandment.

How the foundations of Las Vegas must tremble to hear the words, "The passion for gambling risks becoming an enslavement" (*CCC* 2413). Intuitively we may cringe at the busloads of people pumping their savings into slot machines.

So, too, people who lavish more money and attention on pets than some children receive aren't exercising proper stewardship: "One can love animals; one should not direct to them the affection due only to persons" (*CCC* 2418). On a global scale, the arms race plunders the planet's resources, substituting weapons for basic needs. President Dwight D. Eisenhower prophetically warned in his 1961 farewell address that the military-industrial complex could bleed our country's riches.

Paying Back

To conclude on a bright note, many people are making efforts at reparation. Corporate pollution may steal clean water and air, but it's heartening to think of the youth group at St. Edward the Confessor Parish in Richmond, VA. The kids sponsored a fast from every liquid but tap water and donated the money they would've spent to a project providing clean water in Nicaragua.

As Helen Keller said, "The world is full of suffering. It is full also of the overcoming of it." Those who repay the thefts occurring in homes and society honor the Seventh Commandment brilliantly. +



Lord, you instill within me your power and wisdom. Help me discern clearly how to use your power and wisdom in service to my brothers and sisters.

—From Mindful Meditations for Every Day of Lent and Easter, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeny

WEEKDAY READINGS

Bringing Home

the Word

March 4, 2018

March 5–10, 2018

Mon. Lenten Weekday: 2 Kgs 5:1–15b / Lk 4:24–30 Tue. Lenten Weekday: Dn 3:25, 34–43 / Mt 18:21–35 Wed. Lenten Weekday:

Dt 4:1, 5–9 / Mt 5:17–19

- Thu. Lenten Weekday: Jer 7:23–28 / Lk 11:14–23
- Fri. Lenten Weekday: Hos 14:2–10 / Mk 12:28–34
- Sat. Lenten Weekday: Hos 6:1–6 / Lk 18:9–14

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