



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

**Sunday, April 15, 2018
Third Sunday of Easter**

**4:00 PM
8:00 AM**

Gathering: Hail The Day That Sees Him Rise
BB 183

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 118)

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

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

Preparation Three Days BB 176

Mass Parts Storrington Mass

Communion: In The Breaking Of The Bread BB 325
Unless A Grain Of Wheat BB 507

Recessional: Lift High The Cross BB 713

10:00 AM

Gathering: Alleluia! Alleluia! BB 166

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 118)

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

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

Preparation We Remember BB 495
Pescador de Hombres BB 504

Mass Parts Mass of God's Promise

Communion: The Supper Of The Lord BB 354
That There May Be Bread BB 348

Recessional: Join In The Dance BB 566

✠ 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>March 29, 2018</u>	
Rice Bowls		\$1,361.81
	<u>March 30, 2018</u>	
Holy Land		\$ 884.00
	<u>April 1, 2018</u>	
Offertory		\$7,926.74
Easter		\$4,671.64
	<u>April 8, 2018</u>	
Offertory		\$8,381.99
Property Management		\$2,484.32

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

April 15, 2018 No Second Collection
April 22, 2018 Fuel

**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 ✠



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

Baptism

We welcome into our faith community
Stella Mae Evelyn Smith
and
Reagan Rose-Snow Schena
who recently received the
Sacrament of Baptism

EASTER CANDLES

Donations to defray the cost of the new Paschal Candles for the Easter Season are welcome. Please contact Jackie at the Parish Office for details.



From the Pastor's Desk



HOLY ANGELS CEMETERY REMAINS CLOSED

Given all of the snow and cold we have had in the past few weeks, Holy Angels Cemetery in Plaistow **will remain closed until MAY 1, 2018**. Once we have determined that the snow is gone and the ground is safe, we will reopen the Cemetery. 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?

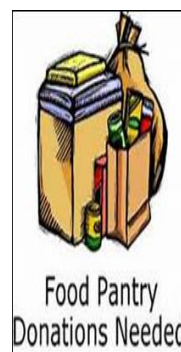
Any contribution is welcome.

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 SPRING...

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Sunday, April 15

10:00 AM	Religious Education – Pre-K to 8	<i>Plaistow</i>
11:00 AM	Confirmation Session	<i>Plaistow</i>
11:00 AM	RCIA	<i>Plaistow</i>

Tuesday, April 17

6:00 PM	Finance Council Meeting	<i>Plaistow</i>
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Wednesday, April 18
HOLY ANGELS CHURCH
OPEN ALL DAY FOR PRAYER

7:00 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting	<i>Plaistow</i>
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Thursday, April 19

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

Saturday, April 21

3:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation	<i>Plaistow</i>
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Sunday, April 22

10:00 AM	NO Religious Education – Pre-K to 8	<i>Plaistow</i>
10:00 AM	CONFIRMATION	<i>Plaistow</i>
11:00 AM	RCIA	<i>Plaistow</i>



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**St. Vincent
de Paul
Society**



Our Society is available if you need a “hand up” when you “fall” because the unexpected happened or any other crisis has occurred. We are a confidential yet friendly ear, ready to listen to you.

Our next meeting on **Wednesday, April 18 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, April 14 ~ Vigil / Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48
 4:00 PM Josie Chudzicki by Pat Zakiewicz
Plaistow

Sunday, April 15 ~ Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48
 8:00 AM Joseph Thompson by the Brotz Family
Newton
 10:00 AM Paul O'Leary by Colleen and Mark Hammond
Plaistow

Monday, April 16 ~ Easter Weekday
Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29
 8:00 AM Ronald Metcalf by Grace Bukowski
Newton

Tuesday, April 17 ~ Easter Weekday
Acts 7:51—8:1a; Jn 6:30-35
 8:00 AM Claire Kiroauac by Vin Lombard
Plaistow

Wednesday, April 18 ~ Easter Weekday
Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40
 6:30 PM Donald and Barbara Rurak Chase
 by Rita Sampson
Plaistow

Thursday, April 19 ~ Easter Weekday
Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51
 8:00 AM People of the Parish
Newton

Friday, April 20 ~ Easter Weekday
Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59
No Mass

Saturday, April 21 ~ Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69 (Day)
Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18 (Vigil)
 4:00 PM Martin & Florence Fogel and Frank Kelcourse
 by Elaine Kelcourse
Plaistow

Sunday, April 22 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18
 8:00 AM Anna Heffler by Grace Bukowski
Newton
 10:00 AM CONFIRMATION
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>

APRIL 15, 2018

✠ FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION ✠

EUCHARIST IS THE CULMINATION SACRAMENT

The Eucharist is the summit in the center of our lives in the church community. In its celebration we become rooted in the mystery of the dying and rising of Jesus Christ. We anticipate the heavenly banquet already here on earth. All the other sacraments either lead to the Eucharist or flow from the Eucharist.

By our pastoral adaptations during the 20th century, we seem to treat Confirmation as the “crowning sacrament,” not the Eucharist. We did this especially by delaying its celebration and requiring longer and more elaborate preparation.

Baptism and Confirmation prepare us for the celebration of Eucharist. By Baptism we have been given access to the family of God's New Covenant people. In Confirmation we have been sealed in the relationship of community in the body of Christ. Thus, we have a right to sit at the “family table” on Sundays and share in the body and blood of the Lord.

Confirmation functions as a sealing of Baptism and as a qualification for the Eucharistic assembly. Confirmation, therefore, should be celebrated *between* Baptism and Eucharist, *before* Eucharist, not after.

A number of adult Catholics have never been confirmed in the church. There is something missing, spiritually, in the lives of those who have not been sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The church in this diocese will restore the traditional order in which the sacraments of initiation have celebrated: Baptism in infancy, usually, and then Confirmation and First Communion. Then the weekly celebration of the Eucharist will truly become a feast of the family, with all its members being fully initiated.

All Catholics in New Hampshire are being asked to reflect on this view of what it means to be confirmed. And as we adjust our perspective on the place of Confirmation, the preeminent place of the Eucharist is more clearly highlighted.

RCIA

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is the process by which people become members of the Roman Catholic Church. If you or someone you know is interested in inquiring about becoming a member of the Roman Catholic Church, call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305 or email her at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

PARENTS BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION

The monthly preparation session for infant Baptism will be held after the 10:00 AM Liturgy on **Sunday, May 6, 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. 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.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

ADORATION

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

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.

✠ PARISH DIRECTORY ✠

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

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Parish Council	parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net

✠ Parish News ~ Youth News ~ Around The Diocese ✠



In Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Christina Delaney

Robert Giallongo

Ronald Metcalf

Joseph Stokes

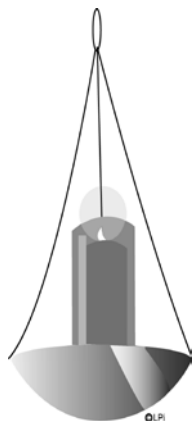
CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will take place in our parish next **Sunday, April 22 at the 10:00 AM Mass** in Plaistow. Please pray for our youth as they prepare to receive the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation.



JESUS aCROSS THE BORDER

Young adults, aged 18-35, are invited to the monthly gathering of Jesus aCross the Border on **Friday, April 20, 2018** at Merrimack College – Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher from 7:30 PM to 12:00 AM. For more information, email Billy Beauchesne at JESUSaCROSStheBorder@gmail.com.



The Sanctuary Candle in Holy Angels Church will burn this week in loving memory of
Paul O'Leary
by Colleen and Mark Hammond

The Sanctuary Candle in Mary, Mother of the Church will burn this week in loving memory of
Joseph Thompson
by the Brotz family



FIRST COMMUNION DAY

First Communion will take place in our parish on the following **Sundays: May 6 and May 13** at both the 8:00 AM Liturgies in Newton and the 10:00 AM Liturgies in Plaistow. Please pray for our First Communicants and their families as they prepare for this joyous celebration!

CRAFTERS AND ARTISTS WANTED FOR POPULAR CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

It's that time of year again when each of us starts making plans for the crafting season ... which fairs?? which weekends??

If you – or someone you know – would like to be considered as a vendor for this year's St. Luke the Evangelist Christmas Craft Fair, **the first jury period ends on May 7th**. We expect to be oversubscribed, so don't delay!

Work must be original and executed by the applicants, and may include food and/or beverages (no baked goods).

1st – Please save the date of our Parish Fair: **Saturday November 10, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.**

2nd – To apply, please contact the Craft Fair at: stlukenhfair@gmail.com. Applications are also available at <http://stlukenh.org> under "News and Events" or call the Parish Office at 603-382-8324.

We are always looking for new vendors to keep our Fair exciting for our visitors!

Don't miss out on participating in this fun and well-attended event!

MASS IN SUPPORT OF THOSE SUFFERING FROM INFERTILITY, MISCARRIAGE, OR LOSS

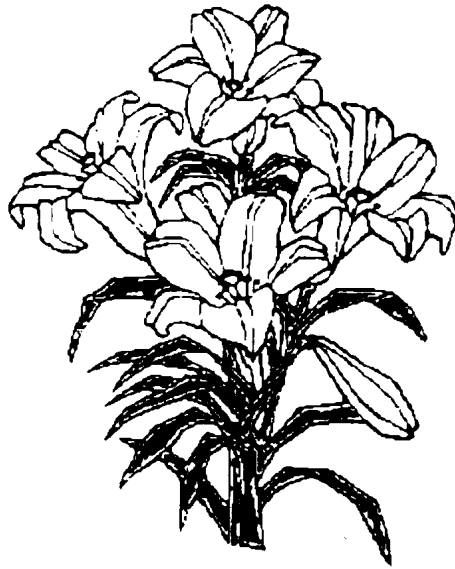
Join Bishop Libasci at a celebration of Mass in support of those suffering from infertility, miscarriage, or loss on **Tuesday, April 24, 2018** at 6:00 PM at St. Joseph Cathedral Chapel in Manchester, NH. This Mass is open to all, bringing together those affected and unaffected by these tragedies, to pray together for healing, understanding, and fortitude. A light reception in the rectory will follow. For more information, please contact Derek McDonald at 603-663-0171.

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.





**Easter Flower
Offerings Were Made In
Loving Memory / Honor of:**

*David Wetzel
Molly Wetzel
Odile Richardson
Mary Mullen
Lena Lambert
Elaine Basque
My Loved Ones
Debbie Rheault
Jerry Cabral
Dale Lamere
Emily Jackunchuck
John Meli
Armand Boutin
The Murphy Family
The Lueders Family
Stephen Antkowiak*

*Sophie Bergtson
Rita Tomaselli
Ella Tomaselli
Evelyn Cote
Angelo Solerno
Thomas Verducci
Sarah Delle Chiaie
Kathleen Sweeney
Barbara Greenwood
Gail Rodrigues
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Walter Morse
Kathleen McCarthy
Thomas Gallagher
R.J. Derocher
Agnes Massei*

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 Jack Murphy
 Beatrice Clark
 Patricia Dolan
 Mary Donahue
 Joan Donatiello
 Claire Walkiczy
 Ernest C. Fredericks
 Patricia Fredericks
 Jake Haseltine
 Ann Sullivan
 Herbert Ahearn
 Edward Ahearn
 Mark Travis
 Normand Lessard
 Joan Simpson
 Lea Roberts
 Karl & Mary Brotz
 John & Louise Szematowicz
 Joan Brotz
 Karl Brotz
 Lillian Wagner
 Mary Ferrandi
 Rose Ferrandi
 Mr. & Mrs. Paul LaChance
 Mr. & Mrs. Lionel Roy
Family & Friends of the Harpers
 Paul D. Cote
 Norman L. Cote
 Margaret Cote
 Robert & Eleanora Davidson
 Jesse & Regina Cote
 Frank J. Bukowski
 Susanna G. Fairbrother
 Henry P. Fairbrother
 Helen & Lionel Cluette
 Anna F. Heffler
 Jesus, Mary, Joseph
The Krajewski & Viles Families
Deceased Members of the
Santangelo & Ross Families
 Charles F. Sielicki
 Helen T. Sielicki
 Louise R. LaFleur
 Lionel J. LaFleur
 Cecelia Sielicki
The McKinnon & Anderson Families
 Vincent Paul Zamierowski
Deceased Members of the
Marceau Family

Krystyna M. Smardz
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 Margurite Driscoll
 John Driscoll
 John Healey
 Robert Driscoll
 Emily Driscoll
 Joseph W. Thompson
Deceased Members of the
Balzer LeDuc Family
 Phil Boyle
 Daniel Boyle
 Theresa & Bob Hughes
 Elizabeth Pence
All Departed Family & Friends of
 Pat Zakiewicz
 The Gaudreau Family
 The DeSimone Family
 The Aloia Family
 The Solari Family
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 Alex & Sophie Szczapa
 Frank & Helen Perry
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 James Harb
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 Mr. & Mrs. Costante Morigi
 Bishop Anthony LeBlanc
 Helen Araskiewicz
 William Lawrence Family
 Mr. & Mrs. Belker Family
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 Sr. Elizabeth Anne, o.s.f.
 Margie Schwenk
 The Lee Kirkpatrick Family
 Souls in Purgatory
 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph DeMonaco
 Mr. & Mrs. Archie Derosiers
Deceased Members of the
O'Hara Family
 Gloria Chiminiello
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 Gene Vater
 John Meuse
 Richard Lozeau
 Elaine Wilson
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 Ma & Dad Bergeron

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 Nicole Rau
 Robert Bergeron
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 Our Little Angel
 Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Lajoie
 Mary Guilmette
 Roland Guilmette
 Simone Matson
 Richard Matson
 Robert Girard
 Barbara Girard
 William Poist
 William Esposito
 Joan Marie Roy
 Marilyn Landry
 William Warren
 Alice Acton
 Anne Armeni Acton
 Julie Evans
 John H. Walsh
 Richard Sullivan
 John & Agnes Kelly
 James & Frances Sullivan
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 Joe Thompson
 Debbie Caron
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 Ed Thurnquist
 Ann Sullivan
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 Louis P. and Robert M. Caron
 Mr. & Mrs. Earl Stark
 Mrs. Connie Troy
 Richard White
 Roderick Rogers
 The Gagnon Family
 The Emerson Family
 The Charest Family
 The Lanseigne Family
 Geraldine Miele
 Aurel & Rose Duhamel
 Alyce and Mary Fallon
 Mary Duhamel

Donald Culbert, Jr.
 The Ernst & Hopper Families
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 Nancy Murach
 Paul Murach
 Mary and Walter Wozny
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 Billy Witkum
 Micheline & LKouis Inzero
 Dorothy & Glenn Stanley
 Betty & Mary Nappi
 Deceased Members of the
 Nappi Family
 Deceased Members of the
 Inzero Family
 Mary & Ted Sweeney
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 Richard Hammond
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 Dena Carbone
 John Carbone
 Carrie Carbone
 Richard Carbone
 Ann & Joseph Manewicz
 The Marciano Family
 The Muscianesi Family
 Timothy Hercules
 Lisa Mary Stefanski Sliviak
 Paul J. Stefanski
 The Ustick and Stefanski Families

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Ronald R. Builbert
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Pearl B. Brady
Bernard F. Brady
Mary A. Wentworth
James A. Wentworth
Kevin A. Gallant
Margaret Gallant
Fred Gallant
Leo "Bud" Blinn
Nora Noury
Frank Noury
Baby Joey
Edward N. Herbert
Andrew J. Miara*

*Thank You To Those
Who Made Donations
Toward Our
Paschal Candles:*

Jeanne Sullivan

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Glory

God of our fathers,
by raising Jesus from the dead,
you have glorified your Son and author
of life.

We offer you thanks and praise
for your countenance shining upon us
with this great gift of love.

Like the Apostles in the Upper Room,
give us your peace as we stand in
amazement of your glory.

With hearts transformed,
urge us to go forth preaching Jesus'
Holy Name
and bear witness to his healing love
and peace.

Bind up our wounds
so that, bearing the marks of the cross,
we may be found strong in faith,
persevering in hope, and filled with the
fire of your love.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, April 15, 2018

Witnesses

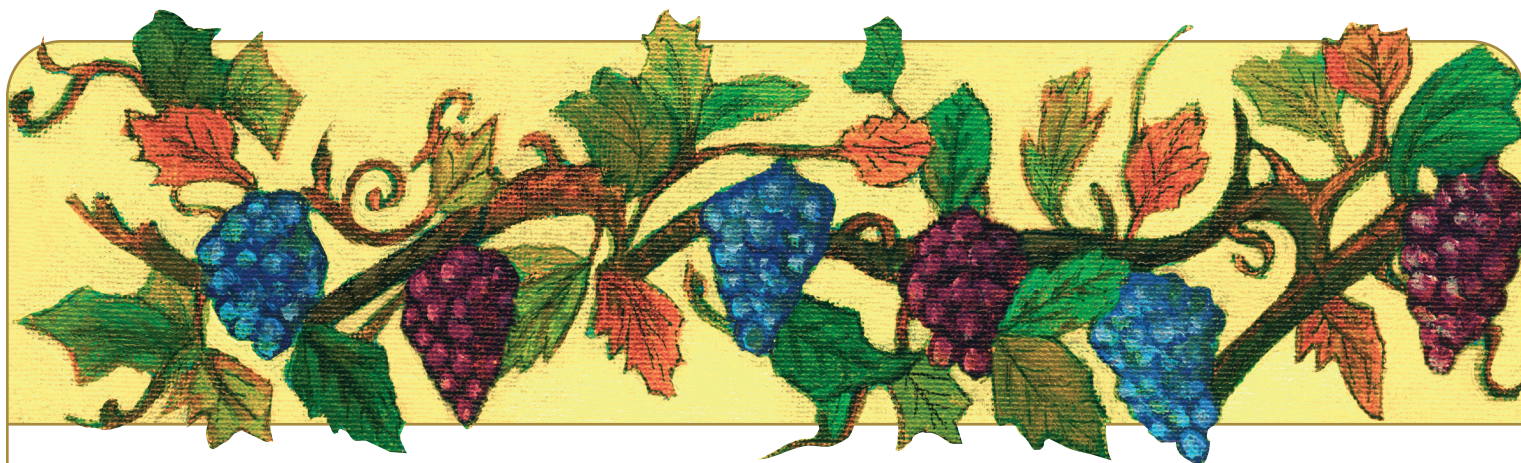


Today's Readings: Acts 3:13–15, 17–19; Psalm 4:2, 4, 7–8, 9; 1 John 2:1–5a; Luke 24:35–48. The last line of today's Gospel states, "You are witnesses of these things." This statement is an invitation to reflect on all that Christ has revealed to us. His passion, death, and Resurrection are at the core of our witness because in Baptism, we were immersed into the Paschal Mystery of Christ.

After the Resurrection, Jesus encounters the disciples and tries to help them understand and unpack their lived experience before his death, what his death means, and the new life promised in the Resurrection. The events that unfolded in Jerusalem over the past few days have dramatically affected their lives and the lives of all believers.

We, too, are witnesses to these things. Think about all the times your encounters with Christ transformed your heart. Often we don't notice these encounters at the time, but upon reflection our hearts burn with the zeal and presence of Christ. Because we have seen and heard the Good News, we cannot be silent. Our life in Christ demands that we work for justice and facilitate peace. The love of Christ compels us to reach out to the poor and marginalized to hear their stories and work to meet their needs.

The verse that precedes the Gospel, asks Jesus to "make our hearts burn" as he speaks to us in Scripture. How might you listen to the Word this week?



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 16 Stephen Faces Trial

The account about Stephen's trial is similar to the trial Jesus faced when accused of blasphemy. Some falsely witnessed against him. The Spirit was with Stephen as he debated with those who were against him. The early Christians, along with their message of Jesus, were not always welcomed. Even today, Christians and other religious groups face persecution. Let us pray for those who face trial and hardship because of their faith. *Today's Readings: Acts 6:8–15; Psalm 119:23–24, 26–27, 29–30; John 6:22–29.*

Tuesday, April 17 Martyr

The First Reading provides an account of Stephen, the Church's first martyr. Place yourself at the scene and try to imagine what it must have been like to hear Stephen preach. Would you have received his message or covered your ears? Stephen witnessed God's abundant love in his care for the community, even though they struggled to hear the Good News. Nourished by the Bread of Life, the Church continues to go forth sharing the Gospel. Is there a modern-day martyr you could read about? *Today's Readings: Acts 7:51–8:1a; Psalm 31:3cd–4, 6 and 7 and 8a, 17 and 21ab; John 6:30–35.*

Wednesday, April 18 Sing with Joy

Today's Psalm captures the spirit of the Easter season. All of creation sings with joy to God for all his marvelous deeds. With the busyness of our lives, it may be hard to remain focused on Easter. If we believe that Christ has saved us from sin and death, then how can we not rejoice and raise our voices in praise? For your prayer at mealtime today, sing your favorite hymn of praise. *Today's Readings: Acts 8:1b–8; Psalm 66:1–3a, 4–5, 6–7a; John 6:35–40.*

Thursday, April 19 Catechesis

The account of Philip and the eunuch is a story of conversion. The eunuch is reading from Scripture, but is unaware of the meaning the story holds. Philip, moved by the Spirit, goes to him and begins to teach him about the Christ who gave his life for the life of the world. Filled with faith, the man asks for Baptism. Each of us is called to teach the faith. Today, pray for catechists, teachers, and those in the Christian initiation process. *Today's Readings: Acts 8:26–40; Psalm 66:8–9, 16–17, 20; John 6:44–51.*

Friday, April 20 Conversion of Paul

The story of Paul's conversion is beautiful. One striking image is that of the scales falling from his eyes. Our Lenten journey has allowed us to contemplate the sin that blinds us to faith. During Easter, are there still "scales" that need to fall from our eyes so that we might see and believe? Might we be called to assist others on their faith journey, just as Ananias assisted Paul? Paul's encounter with Christ changed him so much that he heeded the call to go to all nations proclaiming the Gospel. In prayer, close your eyes and put yourself in Paul's place and visualize his conversion. What did you learn? *Today's Readings: Acts 9:1–20; Psalm 117:1bc, 2; John 6:52–59.*

Saturday, April 21 Spirit and Life

In the Gospel, Jesus notes that his words are spirit and life. This may seem abstract, but consider the Liturgy of the Word at Mass. The Word proclaimed is the living Word that resonates in our hearts and stirs us from our complacency. It is the Good News of Jesus Christ that enlivens our hearts and fills us with the Spirit so that we may not only have everlasting life but also share with others the saving Word. How can you make God's Word more a part of your life? *Today's Readings: Acts 9:31–42; Psalm 116:12–13, 14–15, 16–17; John 6:60–69.*



The Gospel for All Ages

Family Catechesis

Gospel Weeklies
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FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

3rd Sunday of Easter • April 15, 2018 • Jesus Appears to His Disciples

Sunday Readings: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2:1-5a; Luke 24:35-48

Weekly Discussion Questions

For the Parish Bulletin

Life Question: What is an experience that remains important enough for you to tell the story often?

Gospel Question: What do you remember most about Jesus?

LIFE AND GOSPEL QUESTIONS BY AGE LEVEL

Exploring the Sunday Readings (Adults)

How do you touch the living God, not just in sacraments, but in the lives of others?

Visit exploringthesundayreadings.com

Visions (Grades 7-8)

Life Question: How do you witness to your faith in Jesus?

Gospel Question: What does Jesus want his friends to remember about him?

Venture (Grades 4-6)

Life Question: How do you share the Good News about Jesus?

Gospel Question: What does Sunday's Gospel tell you about what Jesus was like after he rose from the dead?

Good News (Grades 2-3)

Life Question: How do stories help us remember someone?

Gospel Question: What work does Jesus give his friends to do?

Promise (Grades K-1)

Life Question: What do you think the word *peace* means?

Gospel Question: Why do you think Jesus comes back to his friends and brings them peace?

Seeds (Preschool)

Life Question: How do you show others you like and accept them?

Gospel Question: How do Jesus' friends feel when they are able to see him again?

Family Corner

About the Gospel

Jesus meets his followers. He shows them his wounds and has dinner with his friends. Jesus is risen and still has his human body. His body is glorified, but he is still able to eat and talk with his friends. Jesus is fully human and fully divine.

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

In Church

As you receive Communion or a blessing, think about this: we are having a meal with Jesus and our friends. Jesus is the Living Bread.

Question of the Week

If you had Jesus over for dinner, what would you talk about?



Family Prayer

Jesus, help us to remember you are a real friend to us.

Rincón de la Familia

Acerca del Evangelio

Jesús se encuentra con sus seguidores. Les muestras sus llagas y cena con sus amigos. Jesús ha resucitado y aun tiene su cuerpo humano. Su cuerpo ha sido glorificado, pero puede comer y hablar con sus amigos. Jesús es plenamente humano y plenamente divino.

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

En la Iglesia

Mientras recibes la Comunión o una bendición, piensa en esto: estamos comiendo con Jesús y nuestros amigos. Jesús es el Pan Vivo.

Pregunta de la semana

Si invitaras a Jesús a comer, ¿de qué hablarían?



Oración en familia

Jesús, ayúdanos a recordar que eres un verdadero amigo para nosotros.

✠ AROUND THE PARISH & DIOCESE ✠



MARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH

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

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

STAY INFORMED WITH FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP NEWS

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



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

SANCTUARY CANDLES

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



HOW TO MAKE A REPORT OF SEXUAL ABUSE

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

PLEASE HELP US!

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

F. Albert.



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

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

NH COUPLE ENRICHMENT CIRCLE

Have you attended a Marriage Encounter Weekend? If your answer is yes, you are invited to participate in the NH Couple Enrichment Circle to continue to strengthen your marriage relationship. For more information, contact David and Karen Demers at 617-480-9989 or ddemers@aviconpartners.com.

RETRouvaille...A Lifeline

Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille weekend. If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, we believe Retrouvaille can help you. For more information, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.



SUPPORT FOR DIVORCED AND SEPARATED

Divorce and separation can be painful experiences. Support groups are available to those who are seeking healing, comfort, and empowerment. Visit www.catholicnh.org/support for a listing of groups.





Bringing Home the Word

Third Sunday of Easter | April 15, 2018

Putting Our Fears to Rest

By Mary Katharine Deeley

During a particularly difficult period at one place I worked, I would come home at night and rehash conversations and events, wondering whether the outcome would have been different if I'd said or done something else.

I wonder whether the apostles asked themselves the same kinds of questions after the crucifixion. "Should we have done something differently? Could we have prevented this somehow?" Perhaps they locked the door because they were afraid they'd be put to death too.

When we're in a bad situation, sometimes all we want to do is hide. It's a child's response: If I don't look at it, maybe it will go away. But the locked door was no barrier, and Jesus came and stood in their midst. Rather than ridicule their fear, he gently put it to rest: "Peace be with you." The more Jesus talked, the more they heard, and they came to know that the peace of the Lord is not like the world's peace.

It's not a temporary measure that will only give way to more turmoil. Jesus calmly and lovingly put their fears to rest. It wasn't that the world was suddenly going to be welcoming; rather, they would be confident in the new life that was in them and in the grace Christ alone can give.

Jesus does this for us as well. He walks through the locked doors of our hearts and blesses us with peace. The more we listen to Jesus' words, the more we can understand and witness to his truth.

Is the Lord with you today? +

A Word From Pope Francis

Jesus tells us that the path to encountering him is to find his wounds. We find Jesus' wounds in carrying out works of mercy, giving to ... the body of your wounded brother, because he is hungry ... because he is incarcerated, because he is in the hospital. These are the wounds of Jesus today.

—Homily, feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, July 3, 2013



Sunday Readings

Acts 3:13–15, 17–19

The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead;

1 Jn 2:1–5a

He is expiation for our sins, and ... for those of the whole world.

Lk 24:35–48

[Jesus said,] "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead."

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

ONE QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

- Is there an area of my heart and life where I need Jesus' healing?
- Am I confident in God's power to raise me up out of my weakness?



Transformed by Easter

By Richard Rohr, O.F.M.

Christian history reaches its crescendo in the resurrection. The risen Jesus is the final revelation of the heart of God—a God who teaches love rather than hate, forgiveness rather than blame, nonviolence rather than violence.

Recall Jesus' encounters with his disciples after his resurrection. He came to his followers with whom he had spent three years, the people closest to him who had nevertheless rejected, betrayed, and abandoned him. Following his resurrection Jesus had the opportunity to chastise them. And yet, in all four Gospel accounts we see that the risen Jesus neither berates nor blames his disciples. Indeed, Peter, who had betrayed him three times, is given three chances to say "I love you" to his master.

There is nothing to fear in the risen Christ. We have in him the perfect icon of a God who is safe. We have a God who does not blame, punish, threaten, or dominate. We have a God who breathes forgiveness. The entire biblical tradition has been moving to this moment where God is identified with universal forgiveness.

Jesus' resurrection tells us that there is no victory through domination. There is no such thing as triumph by force. By his life, death, and resurrection Jesus stops the cycle of violence, challenging the notion of dominating power. He invites

us to relational or spiritual power, where we are not just changed but transformed.

Redemptive Forgiveness

Many of us identify more easily with the judging God we may have encountered in childhood: the one who knows our every sin and metes out punishments, the one we must attempt to placate and please. Often, we are more comfortable living with a fearsome God than one whose love is boundless. But by his life, death, and resurrection Jesus challenges us to new heights of redemptive forgiveness.

Most of us cannot go for long without thinking a judgmental or accusatory thought about others. So often, there is someone we're judging, accusing, blaming. To live in the good, to live in the love, to live without a need to judge—that's major surgery! None of us reaches that point early in life, but when we're there we know we're transformed. We're free. We are at one with the risen Jesus.

Once we have a personal experience in our own life of the risen Christ upholding, loving, and freeing us, then we have nothing to fear. That's how secure Christ makes us, because we have a center point. We have received the gift of the Spirit.

Divine Lure

During a retreat, my fellow retreatants

and I were asked to list the adjectives each of us would use to describe Jesus. My list included words such as compassionate, self-confident, humble, forgiving. When our leader brought us back together as a group she suggested that the qualities we had identified represented not so much what Jesus was like, but what each of us wanted in ourselves. Jesus is the divine lure who invites us forward in our humanity, enticing us into these virtues by his own full living of them. The qualities I had on my list are indeed qualities Jesus possessed. But the reason we want to embrace them is because Jesus has set the standard, the ideal for humanity.

In Jesus we see the divine being who is also the perfect human being. Jesus comes in human form to show us the face of God, who is eternally compassionate and joyous, standing with us in our sufferings and joys. As Christians, our vocation is to unite with Christ crucified and risen. +

PRAYER

Risen Lord, your resurrection revealed to the world the hope and promise of new life. Help me to be a faithful, hopeful, loving presence to all people.

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

Rev. Warren J. Savage
and Mary Ann McSweeney

WEEKDAY READINGS

April 16–21, 2018

Monday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 6:8–15 / Jn 6:22–29

Tuesday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 7:51–8:1a / Jn 6:30–35

Wednesday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 8:1b–8 / Jn 6:35–40

Thursday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 8:26–40 / Jn 6:44–51

Friday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 9:1–20 / Jn 6:52–59

Saturday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 9:31–42 / Jn 6:60–69