



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, May 6, 2018
Sixth Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM
8:00 AM

Gathering: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today BB 159

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 The Day Of Resurrection BB 177

Mass Parts Storrington Mass

Communion: Eat This Bread BB 337

One Bread, One Body BB 340

Recessional: Ye Sons And Daughters BB 171

10:00 AM

Gathering: All Are Welcome BB 415

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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

We Praise You, O Lord BB 550

Mass Parts Mass of God's Promise

Communion: In The Breaking Of The Bread BB 325

Behold The Lamb BB 339

Recessional: Let Heaven Rejoice BB 562

✠ 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!

April 29, 2018

Offertory

\$6,929.07

PARISH GIVING

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish has engaged *Parish Giving* to provide parishioners with an opportunity to make your offertory and other contributions through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Parish Giving is a simple, secure, and convenient way to manage your stewardship without weekly envelopes and without worries. It allows you to select contribution amounts and special collections right from your own computer or smart phone. You can be a good steward for the Parish even when you are away from the area on a weekend. Parish Giving allows you to print out a report detailing your contributions for the year. This program is available to parishioners at no cost. Log on to the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish website at <http://stlukenh.org>, click on the Parish Giving logo, and follow the easy registration instructions.

UPCOMING SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

May 6, 2018	Property Management
May 10, 2018	Ascension
May 13, 2018	No Second Collection
May 20, 2018	Fuel
May 27, 2018	Catholic Communications



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 ✠

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION

On **Thursday, May 10**, we will celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, which is a holy day of obligation. Liturgies will be celebrated at **6:30 PM on Wednesday, May 9 in Plaistow** and at **8:00 AM on Thursday, May 10 in Newton**.



We welcome in our faith community

Elias Anthony Gomes

who recently received the Sacrament of Baptism



BLESSING OF MOTHERS

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



FIRST COMMUNION DAY

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



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

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

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



THE ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH

Our Parish community continues with our Capital Campaign to replace roofs on the Plaistow campus, and to raise funds to complete other projects in Newton and in Plaistow. Our three-year goal is to raise \$250,000.00. Besides the Plaistow roofs, we would like to accomplish the following projects: Plaistow church access ramp, Plaistow office building & convent window replacement, Newton rectory interior flooring, Newton church lighting and painting, Newton rectory painting as funds become available.

How can you help?

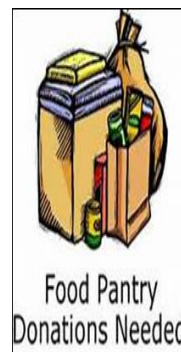
Any contribution is welcome.

Make checks payable to

Saint Luke the Evangelist – Capital Campaign.

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST FOOD PANTRY

Food or care items are always needed – donations can be dropped off at Church or are welcome at the Parish Office during regular business hours. Cash donations for food are always welcome – make checks payable to **St. Luke the Evangelist Food Pantry**. All donations to the Food Pantry go toward helping the needy of our communities.



FOOD PANTRY HOURS

Wednesday from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Thursday from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Friday from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

For more information, call the St. Luke Food Pantry at **603-819-4949**.

WHILE AWAY THIS SPRING...

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Sunday, May 6

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

Monday, May 7

7:00 PM	Knights of Columbus	<i>Plaistow</i>
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Wednesday, May 9

**HOLY ANGELS CHURCH
OPEN ALL DAY FOR PRAYER**

Thursday, May 10

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, May 12

3:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation	<i>Plaistow</i>
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Sunday, May 13

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



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**St. Vincent
de Paul
Society**



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

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

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

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, May 5 ~ Vigil / Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

4:00 PM	Nancy Raymond by Pat Zakiewicz	<i>Plaistow</i>
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Sunday, May 6 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

8:00 AM	Joseph Thompson by Brian and Marie Lessard	<i>Newton</i>
10:00 AM	Sarah Delle Chiaie by Barbara Lawrence	<i>Plaistow</i>

Monday, May 7 ~ Easter Weekday

Acts 16:11-15

8:00 AM	Ronald Metcalf by Alice and Bob Litwinovich	<i>Newton</i>
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Tuesday, May 8 ~ Easter Weekday

Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

8:00 AM	Joseph Stokes (Month's Mind)	<i>Plaistow</i>
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Wednesday, May 9 ~ Easter Weekday

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Jn 16:12-15 (Day)

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13; Mk 16:15-20 (Vigil)

6:30 PM	Phil Consentino by Ann Marie and Joseph Sheehan	<i>Plaistow</i>
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Thursday, May 10 ~ Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13; Mk 16:15-20

8:00 AM	People of the Parish	<i>Newton</i>
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Friday, May 11 ~ Easter Weekday

Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

No Mass

Saturday, May 12 ~ Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs;

Pancras, Martyr

Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28 (Day)

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

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

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

8:00 AM	Joe Thompson by Brian and Marie Lessard	<i>Newton</i>
10:00 AM	Alice McNiff by Ken Lundgren	<i>Plaistow</i>

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>

MAY 6, 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.

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.

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. The use of the envelope system is always optional; however, it does guarantee a manner of accountability. For most families, the Pastor or staff can easily verify attendance during these three months. Church Canon Law also regulates baptismal sponsors (godparents). Sponsors must be at least 16, fully initiated (having received Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation), and be practicing Catholics living Christian lives consistent with the Church's teaching. Please see Fr. Albert with questions.

ATTENTION ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, LECTORS, AND ALTAR SERVERS

Scheduling for June 2 to August 26

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

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

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



ADORATION

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

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

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

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

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 News ~ Youth News ~ Around The Diocese ✠



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

**For The Intentions
Of The Daniels Family**

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS

Rockingham VNA & Hospice

The Rockingham VNA & Hospice will be offering 6 week Bereavement Support Groups **starting on May 7** at the Hospice offices, 137 Epping Road, Exeter. A Monday afternoon group, from 12:30 to 2:00 PM, and a Tuesday evening group, from 5:30 to 7:00 PM, are planned. These groups are free to the public, but registration is required. For more information and to register, please call Jane Oldfield-Spearman, Bereavement Services Coordinator, at 603-772-2981.

Compassionate Friends of Greater Newburyport

The Compassionate Friends (TCF) of Greater Newburyport provides support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild, or sibling - any age, any cause. Monthly support meetings are held in the Immaculate Conception Parish Center, Newburyport, MA, Room 209 from 7:30 to 9:00 PM on the fourth Monday of the month. Barbara J. Hopkinson is founder and chapter leader. For more information, contact Barbara at 617-410-6309 or info@abutterflysjourney.org.

**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!

**LEARNING TO LIVE A CONTEMPLATIVE WAY OF
LIFE THROUGH PRAYER**

Fr. Bill Sheehan OMI, an experienced international retreat director, will offer a one day workshop on how to access our 'inner room' (Matt 6:6) through prayer and live a contemplative way of life. The workshop will take place on **Saturday, May 12 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM** in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Hall, 180 Loudon Rd., Concord NH. Cost is \$15. For more information, contact Fr. Ray Ball at FrRay3@gmail.com or 603-798-5028.

THINKING ABOUT REMARRIAGE?

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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PLAISTOW COUNCIL
23rd ANNUAL ST JUDE OPEN- June 2nd**

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

WE NEED YOU!

For \$100/player you get:

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

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

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.



Congratulations To Our First Eucharist Students!

Sunday, May 6 at 8:00 AM

Madelyn Madore
Gabriella St. Cyr
Lucy Sykora

Sunday, May 6 at 10:00 AM

Samuel Bashaw
Luken DiMarco
Tristan Fielding
Alessandra Iannalfo
Drew Lampron
Grace Lampron
Larissa Miller
Nils Richardson
Mark St. Jean
AnnMarie Walling
Reagan Walling
Nathan Whittaker

***Welcome Families
and Guests!***



CHRIST IS RISEN! Χριστός ανστή !

A warm welcome to visitors
and travelers to our Parish

GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

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

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

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

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

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

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY LUNCHEON

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

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

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

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

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

Name: _____
Phone: _____ Cell: _____
E-mail _____

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

Make phone calls to volunteers

Food Donations:

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

Desserts (bar cookies, cakes, brownies)

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

Soup (winter only)

Serving/Clean up:

Food Serving (at meal)

Clean up (hall & kitchen)

CREMATION?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Love

O God,
you are the source of all love
and we joyfully lift our voices in song
to give you praise for the gift of
your Son, Jesus,
who gave his life so that we might live.
Help us turn away from the slavery
of sin
and embrace your Word,
who calls us to love one another.
Grant that, with hearts filled
with compassion,
we may courageously lay aside
our needs
and work to promote peace and justice
throughout the world.
Keep us faithful to our
baptismal covenant
so that we may reveal your saving power
and be found on that final day praising
your blessed name.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, May 6, 2018

Love One Another

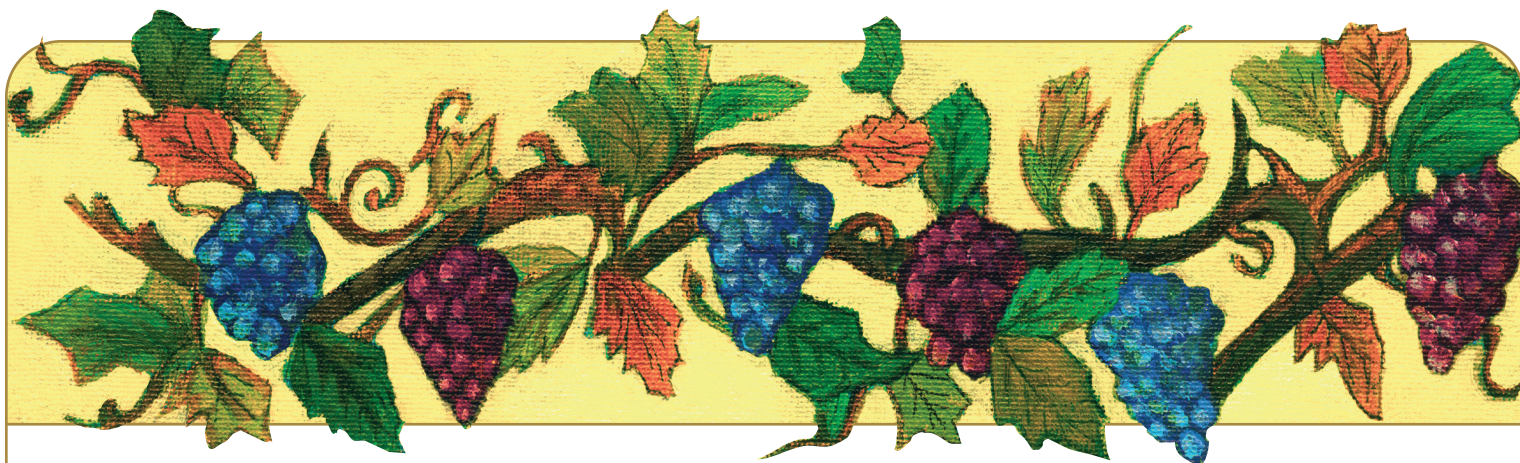


Today's Readings: Acts of the Apostles 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48; Psalm 98:1, 2–3 3–4; 1 John 4:7–10; John 15:9–17. John's first letter reminds us once again, in these final days of the Easter season, that God sent his only Son to save us from death. The theme of love permeates today's readings. As is shown in these readings, love requires much more than warm and fuzzy feelings. In death, Christ shows us love. His suffering, death, and Resurrection remind us that love of God and for our neighbors does require, that we set aside those things that hinder us from knowing God. When we open ourselves to God, we are filled with love and love cannot be contained. God's love overflows and yearns to be shared. Because God's love is so great, it is easy for us to

sing the words to Psalm 98. Joined with all of creation, we joyfully sing of God's salvation.

In the Gospel, Jesus commands that we love as he loves, which means we must take the cross seriously. Jesus laid down his life so that we might have life. He went about healing the sick and listening to those on the margins. This is what Jesus teaches us about love, and if we are his followers, we must lay down our life for our neighbors and be willing to risk everything for God's Kingdom.

It is not always easy to love. This week, pray with the Gospel and be attentive to the command, "love one another." Consider hosting a meal for friends and family to show your love.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, May 7

St. Lydia

The First Reading tells of the conversion of Lydia. She was a dealer of purple cloth, which was expensive. She encounters Paul and Timothy outside the city gates and by God's grace, her heart was opened to receive the Good News. This encounter with the Word moved her to receive Baptism along with her household. The hospitality she provides is the same care we are called to offer our neighbors. Spend fifteen minutes listening to the Lord in silence today. *Today's Readings: Acts 16:11–15; Psalm 149:1b–2, 3–4, 5–6a and 9b; John 15:26–16:4a.*

Tuesday, May 8

The Jailer

The reading from Acts provides another account of conversion. After an earthquake opened the door of the cell, the jailer was amazed that the prisoners remained. What moved the jailer to seek the Lord? When the Word of God resonates in our hearts, it shakes with joy and yearns to be in communion with the living God. Paul and Silas teach that belief in God saves. Do you experience daily conversion? Today, pray for those imprisoned in any way. *Today's Readings: Acts 16:22–34; Psalm 138: 1–2ab, 2cde –3, 7c –8; John 16:5–11.*

Wednesday, May 9

Mighty and Strong

Is your heart alive with the joy of the Resurrection? Today's Psalm places upon our lips words of praise. Recall the Easter Vigil and the signs and symbols. Christ has truly conquered sin and death, and by his Resurrection, restored all life. We have much to be grateful for and much to share. Join with all of creation and sing your praise to God, who is mighty and strong. How can you spend time expressing praise? Can you do this through drawing, baking, gardening, poetry, or writing in your journal? *Today's Readings: Acts 17:15, 22–18:1; Psalm 148:1–2, 11–12, 13, 14; John 16:12–15.*

Thursday, May 10

The Ascension of the Lord

Imagine yourself at the Ascension. What do you see? What do you hear? Are you eager to go into the world to make disciples? *Today's Readings: Acts 1:1–11; Psalm 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9; Ephesians 1:17–23 or 4:1–13 or 4:1–7, 11–13; Mark 16:15–20.*

Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter

The First Reading introduces us to a married missionary couple: Aquila and Priscilla, who lived and worked with Paul. The little we know about the couple tells us they were strong pillars in their community and great teachers of the faith. Today, pray for all catechists. *Today's Readings: Acts 18:1–8; Psalm 98: 1, 2 –3ab, 3cd –4; John 16: 16–20.*

Friday, May 11

Shake with Joy

A line in the *Exsultet*, the proclamation the deacon sings at the Easter Vigil, states, “let his holy building shake with joy, filled with the mighty voices of the peoples.” These words are so vivid they nearly bring about a tangible vision. The joy of Christ's triumph over death fills the whole Church and should “shake” our hearts with joy. Allow the love of Christ to capture your being. *Today's Readings: Acts 18:9–18; Psalm 47 :2–3, 4 –5, 6 –7; John 16:20 –23.*

Saturday, May 12

Sing

Knowing that God loves you and fills you with joy, lift your voice in song as you sing (even make up a melody) Psalm 47 for your prayer. *Today's Readings: Acts 18:23–28; Psalm 47:2–3, 8–9, 10; John 16:23b–28.*



The Gospel for All Ages

Family Catechesis

Gospel Weeklies
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FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

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Sunday Readings: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

Weekly Discussion Questions

For the Parish Bulletin

Life Question: Whose friendship is life-giving for you?

Gospel Question: How do you experience the Spirit at work in your discomforts with the Church today?

LIFE AND GOSPEL QUESTIONS BY AGE LEVEL

Exploring the Sunday Readings (Adults)

With whom do you share your joy to make it more complete? Visit exploringthesundayreadings.com

Visions (Grades 7-8)

Life Question: How do you identify who your real friends are?

Gospel Question: What does Jesus calling us friends mean to you?

Venture (Grades 4-6)

Life Question: How does your family practice Catholic social teaching?

Gospel Question: Why does Jesus call us friends?

Good News (Grades 2-3)

Life Question: How do I show love at home? At school? For my friends?

Gospel Question: Why did Jesus send the Holy Spirit?

Promise (Grades K-1)

Life Question: What is Jesus' one rule?

Gospel Question: What is a way you showed love in your Promise class this year?

Seeds (Preschool)

Life Question: How do the people in your family show love?

Gospel Question: How do you show love for Jesus?

Family Corner

About the Gospel

"Remain in me," Jesus instructs us. Following him will make our "joy complete," and we should "love one another." Jesus loves us and brings us joy, and we bring joy to others through love.

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

In Church

During the Sign of Peace, try to see Jesus in each person you greet and smile at them with love.

Question of the Week

How can you find new ways to spread Christ's love to others?

Family Prayer

Lord, show us how to love and bring joy to others.

Rincón de la Familia

Acerca del Evangelio

"Permanezcan en mi amor", Jesús nos ordena. Seguirlo hará que nuestra alegría sea plena, y debemos amarnos "los unos a los otros". Jesús nos ama y nos trae alegría, y nosotros llevamos alegría a los demás por medio del amor.

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

En la Iglesia

Durante el Saludo de Paz, trata de ver a Jesús en cada persona que saludas y sonríele con amor.

Pregunta de la semana

¿Cómo puedes encontrar nuevas maneras para difundir el amor de Cristo a los demás?

Oración en familia

Señor, ayúdanos a amar y llevar alegría a los demás.

✠ 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.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.

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

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Overcoming Our Prejudices

By Mary Katharine Deeley

It's not often we're caught in our prejudices. My moment of reckoning came with the birth of my second daughter. My hospital roommate was a teenager giving birth to her third child. My husband and I were having trouble making ends meet, and even with insurance we'd still have hospital bills to pay.

I resented the free care my roommate was receiving. *Why can't you be more responsible?* I thought. *Because of people like you, my hospital bills are higher.*

Reflecting back, I'm ashamed of my attitude. I held the assumption that I had

a "right" to this fine hospital because I was working, could pay bills, and had insurance. Would I deny my roommate's child the level of care I wanted for my own?

The early Church wrestled with that type of question. Should Gentiles be admitted to the Christian community? They were considered unclean, and any Jew who touched them or ate with them would be made unclean.

In the encounter with Cornelius, Peter comes to realize that there is no clean or unclean when it comes to people. God shows no partiality. The Holy Spirit makes a convincing argument to the believers by falling on the Gentiles even before they're baptized.

We often decide, out loud or in our thoughts, who is worthy of our care or God's. But Jesus commanded us to love one another and to dwell in love, because God is love.

It's our prejudice that gets in the way. +

A Word From Pope Francis

Therefore, this Word of God calls us to love one another, even if we do not always understand each other, and do not always get along....It is then that Christian love is seen. A love which manifests even if there are differences of opinion or character. Love is greater than these differences!

—Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 10, 2015



Sunday Readings

Acts 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48

[Peter said,] "God shows no partiality....Whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him."

1 John 4:7–10

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God.

John 15:9–17

[Jesus said,] "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

***Jesus commands us
to love each other.
It's not a request.***

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

ONE QUESTION REFLECTION

- How often do I help or love someone who disagrees with me or doesn't believe what I believe?
- What do I do when I catch myself being prejudiced?



Discrimination: Not Just a Black-and-White Issue

By Jim and Susan Vogt

We were walking down the street when some children approached us to ask a question. This is not unusual unless you know the context: We were visiting Mali in West Africa and were the only white people in the village.

People in ethnic and racial minorities frequently have this experience when they venture out of our largely segregated neighborhoods. So what does being in a majority or minority have to do with one's faith? Generally it has to do with being privileged or oppressed. Jesus was always on the side of the underdog or, to be more scriptural, the "undersheep": "If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them goes astray, will he not leave the ninety-nine in the hills and go in search of the stray?" (Matthew 18:12).

Discrimination is immoral because it is grounded in inequities. "Racism is a sin: a sin that divides the human family, blots out the image of God among specific members of the family, and violates the fundamental human dignity of those called to be children of the same Father" (*Brothers and Sisters to Us*, a pastoral letter on racism by Catholic bishops, 1979).

Although being part of an oppressed minority is often based on race or ethnicity, it also applies to class, education, or disability. The common denominator is that the majority has privilege and power while the minority

is disadvantaged from the start. This usually means inferior schools, rougher neighborhoods, health problems, and families caught in the cycle of poverty.

Those in the dominant culture may agree these social problems are unfortunate and may volunteer to help in their spare time, but the issues probably don't impact their everyday lives. Most of us live in neighborhoods where people look and act like us. Our friendship circles feel comfortable. While there's nothing wrong with that, it can be a narrow experience of life. Living with only like-minded people can stunt our worldviews and keep us from investing in the lives of those who don't look like us.

We believe most Catholics aren't overtly racist. But just as there are degrees of skin color, there are degrees of accepting those of different backgrounds. If you're part of the majority culture, it's often hard to recognize subtle prejudice, like moving to the other side of the street when a group from another race approaches, or preferring merchants who look like you.

Christianity calls us to more than *not* being racist or prejudiced; we must take positive steps to create an environment in which all people are respected. You don't have to sell your home and move to a low-income neighborhood to prove you're broad-minded. There are other proactive ways to build bridges:

- **What's on your walls, stovetop, or music library?** Try displaying art from other cultures and listening to music from other ethnicities. Serve food from various countries. You might find a new favorite dish.
- **When have you had a person of a different culture to dinner?** If you don't know anyone well enough to invite to dinner, make it a goal to get to know at least one person from another cultural group.
- **Have all your friends gone to college?** Don't let educational prejudice blind you to the worth of others. Chat with people you might normally ignore. You might learn something.

Look at all the colors in God's dazzling rainbow. It can make us more understanding and help us see our fellow humans as God sees us—children made in the image of God. +

PRAYER

Risen Lord, you command us to love one another. Help me to show your love to all people.

From Hopeful Meditations for Every Day of Easter Through Pentecost,

Rev. Warren J. Savage
and Mary Ann McSweeney

WEEKDAY READINGS

May 7–12, 2018

Monday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 16:11–15 / Jn 15:26–16:4a


Tuesday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 16:22–34 / Jn 16:5–11

Wednesday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 17:15, 22–18:1 / Jn 16:12–15

Thursday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 18:1–8 / Jn 16:16–20

Friday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 18:9–18 / Jn 16:20–23

Saturday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 18:23–28 / Jn 16:23b–28

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