



## MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, May 20, 2018  
Pentecost

4:00 PM  
8:00 AM

Gathering: Send Us Your Spirit BB 454

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 104)

*Lord, send out your spirit, and renew  
the face of the earth.*

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 Spirit, Come BB 453

Mass Parts Storrington Mass

Communion: I Am The Living Bread BB 319  
One Bread, One Body BB 340

Recessional: The Spirit Sends Us Forth BB 378

10:00 AM

Gathering: Send Us Your Spirit BB 454

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 104)

*Lord, send out your spirit, and renew  
the face of the earth.*

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

Preparation Holy Spirit BB 449  
How Great Thou Art BB 425

Mass Parts Mass of God's Promise

Communion: God's Holy Gifts BB 343  
I Know That My Redeemer Lives  
BB 679

Recessional: Canticle Of The Sun BB 426

## ✠ 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!

**May 10, 2018**  
Ascension \$1,093.00

**May 13, 2018**  
Offertory \$6,423.83

### 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 20, 2018 Fuel  
May 27, 2018 Catholic Communications  
June 3, 2018 Property Management

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



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 ✠



**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 Sanctuary Candle in  
Mary, Mother of the Church  
will burn this week  
in loving memory of  
**Kenny Jenkins**  
by the Jenkins & Statezni families



### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, the Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, May 28**. The Office will reopen at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, May 29.

### HOSPITAL VISITATION

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



### **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?***

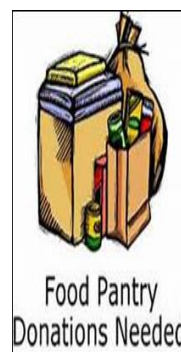
Any contribution is welcome.

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.

## PENTECOST

### ✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

#### Sunday, May 20

11:00 AM	RCIA	<i>Plaistow</i>
11:00 AM	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	<i>Plaistow</i>
6:00 PM	Vespers	<i>Plaistow</i>
6:30 PM	Pentecost Reception	<i>Plaistow</i>

Wednesday, May 23  
**HOLY ANGELS CHURCH**  
 OPEN ALL DAY FOR PRAYER

#### Thursday, May 24

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 26

3:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation	<i>Plaistow</i>
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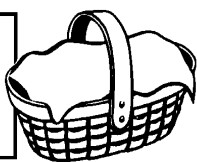
Monday, May 28  
**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**



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St. Vincent  
de Paul  
Society



A Happy and Blessed Pentecost 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 **June 20 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 19 ~ Vigil / Pentecost

*Gn 11:1-9; Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b; Ez 27:1-14; Rom 8:22-27;  
 Jn 7:37-39*

4:00 PM	Carol Flaherty (7 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) and Sean Breen (9 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) by their family <i>Plaistow</i>
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#### Sunday, May 20 ~ Pentecost

*Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23*

8:00 AM	Kenny Jenkins by the Jenkins & Statezni families <i>Newton</i>
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10:00 AM	Kyle DiPerri (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary) by his family <i>Plaistow</i>
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#### Monday, May 21 ~ Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

*Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29*

8:00 AM	Vincent Zamierowski (25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) by his family <i>Newton</i>
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#### Tuesday, May 22 ~ Rita of Cascia, Religious

*Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37*

8:00 AM	People of the Parish <i>Plaistow</i>
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#### Wednesday, May 23 ~ Weekday

*Jas 4:13-17; Mk 9:38-40*

6:30 PM	People of the Parish <i>Plaistow</i>
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#### Thursday, May 24 ~ Weekday

*Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:41-50*

8:00 AM	People of the Parish <i>Newton</i>
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#### Friday, May 25 ~ Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Gregory VII, Pope; Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin

*Jas 5:9-12; Mk 10:1-12*

*No Mass*

#### Saturday, May 26 ~ Philip Neri, Priest

*Jas 5:13-20; Mk 10:13-16 (Day)*

*Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20 (Vigil)*

4:00 PM	Richard Morin by his wife and family <i>Plaistow</i>
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#### Sunday, May 27 ~ The Most Holy Trinity

*Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20*

8:00 AM	Donna Lessard by Brian and Marie Lessard <i>Newton</i>
10:00 AM	Veronica Webster (10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) by her daughters <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](mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net).

## ✠ FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION ✠

### ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

### RCIA

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is the process by which people become members of the Roman Catholic Church. **RCIA** is intended to serve:

- Those not Baptized who would like to learn more about the Catholic religion.
- Those Baptized in another religion who think they might like to become Catholic.
- Those Baptized Catholic but have not been raised in the Faith.

If you or someone you know is interested in inquiring about becoming a member of the Roman Catholic Church, call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305 or email her at [csmith@stluketheevangelist.net](mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net).

### PARENTS BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION

The monthly preparation session for infant Baptism will be held after the 10:00 AM Liturgy on **Sunday, June 3, 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.

### ADORATION

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

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

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

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

**The Church in Plaistow is open all day on Wednesdays for people to stop by and pray before the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle.**

### WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL RETREAT

#### **"TURNING TOWARD JOY"**

Sacred Heart Parish in Manchester, NH is offering a retreat for women entitled "Turning Towards Joy" on **Saturday, June 9 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.**

Joy has been described as "the most infallible sign of the presence of God." (Teilhard de Chardin) This retreat day is an invitation to deepen our joy as we turn afresh to God's loving presence in the midst of the challenges in our world and our personal lives. Both inspiring and practical, this retreat will be a time for our hearts to be touched by His Heart as we turn towards joy. The speaker will be Patricia Livingston, best known for her touching, story-telling style of illuminating the presence of God in everyday life.

A complimentary breakfast and light lunch will be served. \$10 free-will offering.

To register, or for more information, call the parish office at 603-625-9525.

## ✠ 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

Fr. Albert Tremblay	<a href="mailto:fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net">fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net</a>
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Parish Council	<a href="mailto:parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net">parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net</a>



✠ Parish News ~ Youth News ~ Around The Diocese ✠

## **CROP WALK**

**WHAT:** Walk For Hunger: Crop Walk  
**WHERE:** Plaistow Baptist Church,  
122 Main Street, Plaistow, NH  
**WHEN:** SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018.  
Registration at 12:00-12:15 PM;  
Walk starts at 12:45 PM

Please join the St. Luke the Evangelist Food Pantry, located at the Parish Office in Plaistow, as we walk for our Community and our Food Pantry by supporting our Annual Walk For Hunger. Whether you are 2 or 102, you can help stop hunger by asking your friends and neighbors to sponsor you or other walkers. The longest journey begins with a single step and the road to a better world begins when you say "Yes" and walk or donate to help the CROP Walk in our community. Take the first step...and say "Yes!"

If you wish to walk, the full walk is 5K, with a 1mi, 2mi, or 3 mi option. The walk this year is being hosted by the Plaistow Baptist Church at 122 Main Street in Plaistow. The walk starts at the church and goes through a residential area of Plaistow. Refreshments and drinks will be available after the walk. Please see Marie or Joe Farren, or Jackie Tremblay for a sponsor envelope.

If you cannot walk, please sponsor a walker. Please mail or bring checks (made out to **CWS / CROP WALK**) to the Parish Office at 8 Atkinson Depot Road, Plaistow, or drop them into the collection basket. Please mark the envelope "CROP WALK." A portion of the money raised goes directly to our Food Pantry and to two other local pantries. The remainder supports the efforts of Church World Services in projects in the United States and around the world to help eliminate hunger.

Remember, your interest and generosity can make a difference! Together we can work to end hunger both around the block and around the world!

For more information, talk to Marie or Joe Farren or call 603-275-6641.

## **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS**

### **Rockingham VNA & Hospice**

The Rockingham VNA & Hospice offers Bereavement Support Groups at the Hospice offices, 137 Epping Road, Exeter. 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 at the Immaculate Conception Parish Center, Newburyport, MA on the fourth Monday of the month. For more information, contact Barbara at 617-410-6309 or [info@abutterflysjourney.org](mailto:info@abutterflysjourney.org).

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PLAISTOW COUNCIL 23rd ANNUAL ST JUDE OPEN- June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

The Knights of Columbus are running their 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:dans49@comcast.net) to register and/or get a brochure to be a sponsor.

## **CYCLE FOR SHELTER**

### **To Benefit Emmaus House**

The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Cycle for Shelter to benefit Emmaus House will be held at Northern Essex Community College on **Sunday, July 22, 2018**. Cyclists can ride a 20-mile, 40-mile, 62-mile, or 100-mile scenic route that will take them through Haverhill, MA up to the seacoast of New Hampshire, and south through the North Shore of Massachusetts. Upon returning to the college, riders can enjoy delicious food prepared by local restaurants, music, and fun. Proceeds from this even benefit Emmaus, a non-profit housing and human services organization in Haverhill, MA that serves homeless and formerly homeless families and single adults. For more information, please call 978-241-3425, email [cycle@emmausinc.org](mailto:cycle@emmausinc.org), or visit [www.emmausinc.org](http://www.emmausinc.org).

## **PILGRIMAGE TO CANADA**

**July 30, 31, August 1, 2, 2018**

**\$445 per person**

Cost includes accommodations based upon double occupancy, two meals a day (full breakfast and dinner), and Coach bus transportation. Visit the Shrines of Sainte Anne-de-Beaupre in Quebec City, St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal, the Shrine of the Sacred Hearts, Notre-Dame-du-Cap, and more. For more information, contact Juanita Sweet at 603-826-4486 or [juanitajoy@comcast.net](mailto:juanitajoy@comcast.net).

## **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](mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net) or call 382-8324.

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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.



# PENTECOST SUNDAY



## Fervor

O God, giver of good gifts,  
you sent your Holy Spirit to renew  
your people  
and to enliven their fervor for  
the Gospel.

Shine upon us the light of your face  
and lead us to seek your truth and grace.  
Fill us with your sevenfold gift;  
warm the chill of our hearts;  
grant us peace and heal our wounds;  
revive our spirits and stir up a desire to  
confess your name,  
so that, renewed by your grace during  
this Easter season,  
we may avoid sin and grow in the fruits  
of your Spirit.

Shower us with your enduring love  
and make us faithful witnesses of your  
wondrous works.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Sunday, May 20, 2018**

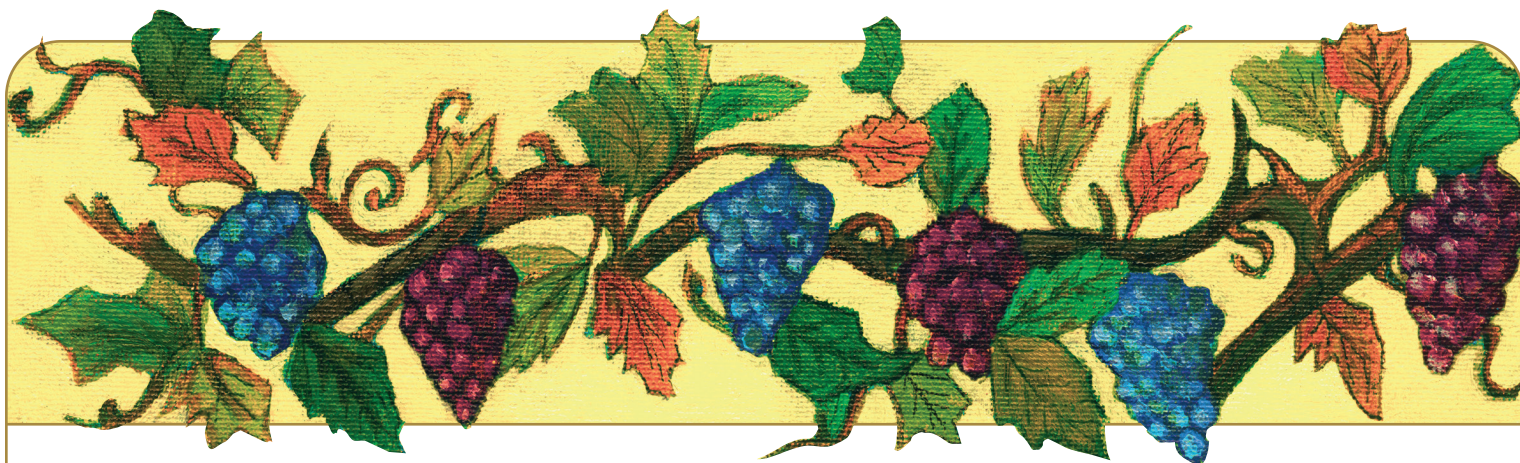
**Excitement and Chaos**



*Today's Readings: Acts 2:1–11; Psalm 104:1–2, 24, 29–30, 31, 34; 1 Corinthians 12:3b–7, 12–13 or Galatians 5:16–25; John 20:19–23 or 15:26–27; 16:12–15.* The scene we hear about in Acts 2 is filled with excitement and a bit of chaos. Imagine yourself gathered with the faithful disciples and suddenly you hear “a sound like the rush of a violent wind” and see tongues of fire appearing. What comes to your mind? The disciples were still processing the death and Resurrection of Christ and discerning their next move. Jesus promised them an Advocate that would send them to the ends of the earth. Jesus trained them to go out to tell of God’s mercy and love, but fear and uncertainty locked them away.

During Lent, the Church invited us to turn away from sin, and during these fifty days of Easter, we celebrated the gift of God’s redemption. Today, as we close our formal celebration of Easter, we reflect on the power of the Holy Spirit filling the hearts of disciples throughout the ages. At Baptism, we received the Holy Spirit, who sends us forth to share the Gospel. How have you been roused by the Holy Spirit to work within your community and to share the Good News? At dinner, discuss how you might use your gifts to help build up God’s kingdom.





## THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

### Ordinary Time

After Pentecost, the Church enters the second period of Ordinary Time. During the summer and fall months, as the readings bring us to reflect on mission and discipleship, we celebrate solemnities, feasts, and memorials of women and men who dedicated their lives to the Gospel. Reading about some of these saints and contemplating their story and the Scriptures on their feast day may encourage you to live more genuinely in hard times and celebrate joyfully in good times. As you reflect on the lives of the saints over the next few months, consider concrete ways you and your family might serve your community. Think of the saints as your traveling companions and make time for a discussion of them while in the car together this summer.

### Wednesday, June 13

#### St. Anthony of Padua

When St. Anthony of Padua was asked to preach at a gathering of Dominicans and Franciscans, he did so with reluctance. He lived a life of humility, waiting on others, and wished to continue to do so. However, once he began to preach, his gift was discovered. Soon crowds filled churches and marketplaces as he made theological issues relevant to them. He brought many to repentance. May we approach our gifts with such humility. *Today's Readings: 1 Kings 18:20–39; Psalm 16:1b–2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11; Matthew 5:17–19.*

### Sunday, June 24

#### Nativity of St. John the Baptist

The birth of St. John the Baptist is celebrated in the liturgical calendar because of his relationship to Jesus as his forerunner. Filled with the Holy Spirit, John's father, Zechariah prophesied that his son would "go before the Lord to prepare his ways." The only other births that the Church observes are those of Mary and Jesus. *Today's Readings: Isaiah 49:1–6; Psalm 139:1–3, 13–14, 14–15; Acts of the Apostles 13:22–26; Luke 1:57–66, 80.*

### Friday, June 29

#### Sts. Peter and Paul

Beginning today, through most of July, read a chapter of the Acts of the Apostles each day. After reading, write down information about these Apostles, keeping track of where they traveled, their time in prison, and how others regarded them. Once the Book of Acts is finished, mark on a map the places Sts. Peter and Paul traveled. *Today's Readings: Acts of the Apostles 12:1–11; Psalm 34:2–3, 4–5, 6–7, 8–9; 2 Timothy 4:6–8, 17–18; Matthew 16:13–19.*

### Saturday, July 14

#### St. Kateri Tekakwitha

The first Native American to be canonized, St. Kateri Tekakwitha is known for persisting in her desire to follow Christianity. When family members and neighbors objected to her interest in Catholicism, she left them for a Christian Native American community. She is the patroness of ecology and the environment, people in exile, and Native Americans. *Today's Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:26–31; Psalm 23:1b–3a, 4, 5, 6; Matthew 13:44–26.*

### Tuesday, November 13

#### St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini dreamed of being a missionary in China, but Pope Leo XIII asked her to leave her native Italy to serve immigrants in the United States. In March 1889, Sr. Frances and other members of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart arrived in the United States, where she founded an orphanage. To care for the poor, and especially immigrants, Sr. Frances and her sisters founded more orphanages as well as schools and hospitals. She is the patron saint of immigrants. *Today's Readings: Titus 2:1–8, 11–14; Psalm 37:3–4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29; Luke 17:7–10.*





# It's never too early to start saving your donations for...

St. Luke the Evangelist Parish  
11<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Christmas Craft Fair  
Saturday, November 10, 2018

As you spring clean, please be on the lookout for any  
**NEW** or **LIKE NEW** items for our many Parish Tables:

Silent Auction—new, antique & collectible items ...

Penny Sale—new/like-new items for wen/women, boys/girls ...

Country Store—please start making home-made jams, jellies,  
pickles, as well as knitted & crocheted items ...

Theme Baskets—new/like new items for you to assemble into a  
basket ...

Jewelry—new/like-new male/female rings, watches, chains,  
necklaces, earrings, tie pins, bracelets, etc. ...

Thrift Store—new/like new items for all seasons, all ages in  
clean, working condition ...

Children's Corner—new small, medium & large prizes for boys/  
girls for the Lollipop Game ...

**Please note:** we have no place to store or collect items at the churches.  
Please watch the bulletin for collection dates in October.

As you consider items to save for the Christmas Craft Fair,  
please kindly remember that it is NOT a yard sale.

Questions? Send a message to Craft Fair at  
[stlukenhfair@gmail.com](mailto:stlukenhfair@gmail.com) with "Fair Question" in the subject line.

*Thank you very much!*



# Many Hands Make **LIGHT** Work

**St. Luke the Evangelist Parish 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Christmas Craft Fair**  
**Saturday, November 10, 2018**

## **KEY DATES**

### **Sunday November 4**

Move donations ... after 8:00 am Mass/Newton & after 10:00 am Mass/Plaistow

### **Thursday November 8**

Set-up the parish center for the Craft Fair ... 4:00 pm—8:00 pm

### **Friday November 9**

Set-up parish tables & decorate parish center ... 12 Noon—7:00 pm

### **Saturday November 10**

Have fun at the Craft Fair ... for part or all of the day!

**Please save these dates to lend a much needed hand!**

Want to know more? Send a message to Craft Fair at [stlukenhfair@gmail.com](mailto:stlukenhfair@gmail.com)  
with "Fair Help" in the subject line.

***Thank you from the Craft Fair committee!***





# Bringing Home the Word

Pentecost | May 20, 2018

## The Breath of the Spirit

By Mary Katharine Deeley

When our children were toddlers, we played a game called Typhoon. It was simple—we looked intently into their eyes and then blew into their faces and said, “Typhoon.” Whether it was the breath blowing past them or the word itself, I am not sure, but they always widened their eyes, looked startled for a minute, and then started laughing.

The memory of this game comes unbidden when I read that Jesus blew on the disciples and commanded them to receive the Holy Spirit. I can imagine

that their eyes widened and they looked startled for a minute. Maybe one or two of them were tempted to laugh, but the enormity of what Jesus said next sobered them quickly. There was power in the Spirit Jesus breathed out: a power to forgive sins.

The Church uses this passage, among others, to support Christ’s institution of the sacrament of reconciliation, and so it is. In our reflection, though, we shouldn’t forget that we all are called to forgiveness in our relationships with one another.

While our forgiveness is not sacramental, it’s a measure of our life in the Spirit that’s poured out on the world at Pentecost. One of our great temptations is not to forgive but hold others bound because of our anger, fear, or plain stubbornness.

Remember, though, that forgiving others frees us as much as it frees them. In forgiving, we are no longer bound by hate, resentment, or feelings of vengeance. Rather, we show ourselves transformed in Christ by this immense gift of love. +

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to forgiveness  
in our relationships  
with one another.***

## A Word From Pope Francis

As he did on Pentecost, the Lord wants to work one of the greatest miracles we can experience; he wants to turn your hands, my hands, our hands, into signs of reconciliation, of communion, of creation. He wants your hands to continue building the world of today.

—World Youth Day prayer vigil,  
July 30, 2016



## Sunday Readings

### Acts 2:1–11

Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.

### 1 Corinthians 12:3b–7, 12–13 or Gal 5:16–25

As a body is one though it has many parts...so also Christ.

### John 20:19–23 or John 15:26–27; 16:12–15

[Jesus] breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the holy Spirit.”

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- How often do I seek Mary’s intercession or help?
- Patience is a fruit of the Spirit. How can I practice more patience this week?



# Loving Our Human Church

By Fr. Thomas Richstatter, OFM

Unless you have been living under a rock, you probably know all too well that the Catholic Church is a human church—human sins, scandals, and disappointments. It makes one wonder if God couldn't have made the Church a little less human, a little more divine. But that is not how God does things.

And as God entrusted his creation to our first parents, so Christ entrusted his Church to us, his disciples. This is the positive, amazing side of belonging to this human Church. Christ commissioned us to cause the Church to "fill the earth." We are to make the Church catholic, universal, all-embracing—both in space (reaching to every land and culture) and in time (gracing every historical age).

What an awesome responsibility to be co-creators in God's great plan! What trust God has in us!

## Rich Traditions

Many cultures and historical periods have shaped the Catholic Church. There are parts of the Church that have taken root in the cultures of Byzantium and Syria. Probably most of you reading this article belong to the branch of the Church that has been highly influenced

by Roman and European culture. Each Sunday we see the priest at the altar wearing Roman clothing. (Albs and chasubles were once daily clothing for a first-century Roman.) We govern our Church with a Code of Canon Law based on the Roman legal system.

From the Europe of the Middle Ages we picked up the custom of serfs bowing and kneeling before the liege lord. From court etiquette we adopted titles such as "Your Eminence," "Your Excellency," and "Monsignor." And as the Church progresses through the centuries we try to select and incorporate what is good from the culture and let go of those elements that are no longer useful.

There's the problem! Our human vision is limited: We are not always sure which elements are good and which are no longer useful. Is the requirement of celibacy for priests still helpful to the Church? Should bishops be appointed or elected?

## When, When Not, to Change

During the past fifty years we have experienced many changes in the Mass. We know that some parts of the Mass were instituted by God and can't be changed, while other parts of the Mass

are of human origin. These human elements can be changed and indeed should be changed when they no longer help us express the meaning of the Eucharist. But what elements ought to be changed? How are they to be changed?

These important decisions God has entrusted to us. Sometimes we make wrong decisions as circumstances change or as we see situations more clearly. But isn't that all part of being human?

Catholics believe that being human is a good thing. Our bodies are good. Creation is good. Growth and change are good. That's why it's great to belong to a human Church—a Church that is forever growing, developing, and maturing—a Church that is always discovering new ways to proclaim the gospel until that day when the fullness of God's plan will be revealed in us. +

## PRAYER

Lord, your Spirit renews our faith, hope, and love. Empower me to be your presence of love and compassion to others.

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

Rev. Warren J. Savage  
and Mary Ann McSweeney

## WEEKDAY READINGS

May 21–26, 2018

Monday, Weekday:  
Jas 3:13–18 / Mk 9:14–29


Tuesday, Weekday:  
Jas 4:1–10 / Mk 9:30–37

Wednesday, Easter Weekday:  
Jas 4:13–17 / Mk 9:38–40

Thursday, Weekday:  
Jas 5:1–6 / Mk 9:41–50

Friday, Weekday:  
Jas 5:9–12 / Mk 10:1–12

Saturday, St. Philip Neri:  
Jas 5:13–20 / Mk 10:13–16

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