



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, September 2, 2018
Twenty-Second Sunday In
Ordinary Time

4:00 PM
8:00 AM

Gathering: As We Gather At Your Table BB 311
Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 103)

*Loving and forgiving are you, O Lord;
slow to anger, rich in kindness; loving
and forgiving are you.*

Preparation: Blest Are They BB 629
Mass Parts: Mass of Creation
Communion: Unless A Grain Of Wheat BB 507
Seed, Scattered And Sown BB 356
Recessional: Lift High The Cross BB 713

10:00 AM

Gathering: Canticle Of The Sun BB 426
Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 19)

*Lord, you have the words of
everlasting life.*

Preparation: Where Love Is Found BB 668
All My Days BB 585
Mass Parts: Mass of Creation
Communion: Blest Are They BB 629
The Supper Of The Lord BB 354
Recessional: Lead Me, Lord BB 630

✠ 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!

August 26, 2018

Offertory	\$5,427.92
Missionary Co-op	\$1,598.00

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

September 2, 2018	Property Management
September 9, 2018	Catholic University/USCCB
September 16, 2018	Fuel



In Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Howard Bourdelais
Mary Douglas
Warren Oatley

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 ✠

THANK YOU FROM THE FOOD PANTRY

Your Dollars At Work Helping Others

St. Luke's Food Pantry, in coordination with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, was able to launch a new program to help families with back to school shopping. The St. Vincent de Paul Society applied for and received a grant from the Bishop's Charitable Assistance Fund in the amount \$5,000 for the purpose of helping families to purchase school clothing for their children for the new school year. Additional funds were obtained when St. Luke's Food Pantry reached out to parishioners, local businesses, and groups to raise money to help fund this program and for donations of filled backpacks. Through our combined efforts, this program was able to come to fruition. It is exciting to say that we were able to help about 70 local children and their families with vouchers specifically for clothing and we will be able to provide almost all of the children with filled backpacks. A sincere thank you to the businesses and individuals who made monetary donations and donated backpacks with supplies to support the back to school drive. All of the families are very grateful for the help they received!

"Together we can make a difference."



ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Registration for the 2018-2019 Academic Year for Grades Pre-K through 8 has begun. If your child is currently enrolled, a registration form has been sent home. If your child is new to the Program, please call Joyce Szczapa in the Religious Education Office at 603-382-8324 for more information.

CATECHISTS NEEDED

Our Religious Education Program is in need of catechists for Sunday mornings. Training will be provided. If you can help, please email Joyce at jszczapa@stluketheevangelist.net.

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



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?

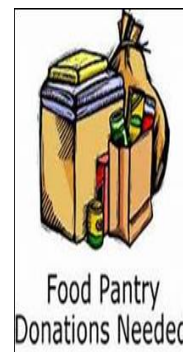
Any contribution is welcome.

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 SUMMER...

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

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Sunday, September 2
11:00 AM Baptism Catechesis *Plaistow*

Monday, September 3
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, September 5
HOLY ANGELS CHURCH
OPEN ALL DAY FOR PRAYER

Thursday, September 6
8:30 AM Adoration Begins *Newton*
10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting *Plaistow*
8:30 PM Adoration Ends *Newton*

Saturday, September 8
3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

Sunday, September 9
11:00 AM Relating to Others as Jesus Would *Plaistow*
11:00 AM Catechist Meeting *Plaistow*

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, the Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, September 3**. The Office will reopen on Tuesday, September 4 at 8:30 AM.



St. Luke the Evangelist is now on Facebook! Go to www.facebook.com/stlukenh.org/ or **St. Luke the Evangelist Parish – Newton/Plaistow** and give us a Like! Please invite fellow parishioners and friends to do the same.

**St. Vincent
de Paul
Society**



Your "Dropped Dollar" Hard At Work

Thank you for your continued support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society! Please know that your "dropped dollars" are being used wisely to help the poor in our area. Your generosity does not go unnoticed.

Drop-a-Dollar in the St. Vincent de Paul box
on your way out of church.

Remember ~ 100% of your donation is used to help those
who need a hand up, not a hand out.

Our next meeting on **Wednesday, September 19 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, September 1 ~ Vigil / 22nd Sunday in Ord. Time
Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

4:00 PM Millie Gattinella by Pat Zakiewicz
Plaistow

Sunday, September 2 ~ 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

8:00 AM Joseph Thompson by Knights of Columbus,
 St. Jude Council #6617
Newton

10:00 AM Mark Bloom by Knights of Columbus,
 St. Jude Council #6617
Plaistow

**Monday, September 3 ~ Gregory the Great, Pope and
 Doctor of the Church**

1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30

8:00 AM Intentions of Paul Fournier by Dan & Jean Lloyd
Newton

Tuesday, September 4 ~ Weekday

1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37

8:00 AM Martin & Florence Fogel and Frank Kelcourse
 by Elaine Kelcourse
Plaistow

Wednesday, September 5 ~ Teresa of Calcutta, Religious
1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44

6:30 PM Deceased Family Members of
 Charles and Mary Jesionowski
 by their daughter, Sonia Tatarka
Plaistow

Thursday, September 6 ~ Weekday

1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11

8:00 AM Ron Metcalf (Wedding Anniversary Remembrance)
 by his wife, Barbara
Newton

Friday, September 7 ~ Weekday

1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39

No Mass

Saturday, September 8 ~ Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 (Day)

Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Martin Feuer by Raymond & Beverley Viglione
Plaistow

Sunday, September 9 ~ 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

8:00 AM Robert Giallongo by St. Vincent de Paul Society
Newton

10:00 AM Giovanni Polichetti by his wife and children
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.

✠ FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION ✠



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

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, September 2, 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.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating an anniversary of **5, 25, or 50 years** to attend the **Fall Wedding Anniversary Mass**. Couples are encouraged to invite select family members to share in the joyous occasion. This celebration will be held on **Sunday, October 21, 2018 at 2:00 PM at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester**. To register, please contact your parish office **by September 18, 2018**. The parish office will submit all necessary information. All registrants will receive an invitation to this special celebration. **Couples celebrating other significant anniversaries will be asked to register next year for a Spring Celebration.**

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.

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** ✠

HIGH ADVENTURE SCOUT RETREAT

All Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts in grades 6-12, and adult leaders, are invited to the 38th Annual High Adventure Scout Retreat from **Friday, September 14 to Sunday, September 16, 2018** at Camp Fatima in Gilmanton Iron Works, NH. The cost is \$10 per scout and \$7 per adult.

This retreat is very active, involving the scouts in a number of fun, interesting, challenging, thought provoking and faith filled activities. It includes a climbing wall, high ropes, capture the flag, and dance.

Uniforms are only required for flags, dinner, and Mass. Please consider wearing Class B uniforms.

For more information, contact the Catholic Scouting Committee at nhcatholicscouting@gmail.com.

BAKE SALE & WALK FOR THE POOR

The St. Vincent de Paul Society's Annual Appeal & Bake Sale will be held on the weekend of **September 22-23, 2018** and their "Walk For The Poor" will be held on **Saturday, September 29, 2018**.

Would you like to participate in this walk? The more the merrier! Please email Susan Mokray at suziqmo@aol.com or Margaret Madeiros at Madeiros7@msn.com for details.

You can support the St. Vincent de Paul Society's Walk For The Poor by donating to this event online at www.fopwalk.org/event/2161 and simply click on "Donate To This Event" or "Donate To Walker".

Donations are tax deductible and donor receipts are available. Please help us assist the poor in our community and "Walk A Mile In Our Shoes."

Bakers are needed for the Bake Sale. We are seeking talented bakers to drop off their baked goods at any of the Masses you attend and then turn around and purchase some of our other fine pastries!

DR. SCOT HAHN

St. Mary's Parish, Lynn, MA

Saturday, September 15, 2018 - 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

To get tickets, or for more information, call 978-598-4907 or email Chris Carmody at ccarmody@lynncatholic.org.

JESUS aCROSS THE BORDER

**St. Joseph the Worker Shrine
37 Lee Street, Lowell, MA**

Friday, September 21, 2018

**7:30 PM – Adoration, Praise & Worship, Confession
9:00 PM – Young Adult Mass**

Fall Forum, Pizza Social, & Fellowship to Follow!



**ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH 11TH ANNUAL
JURIED CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR
Saturday, November 10, 2018**

**CASH RAFFLE TICKETS ARE HERE
GET YOURS TODAY!**

The Cash Raffle needs lots and lots and lots of tickets sold to parishioners and – especially – to people outside the parish. If we sell all of our tickets, we'll raise **\$4,500** for St. Luke's!!!

You can be a big help ...

*** When asked to take tickets for others to buy or sell, please say yes.

*** Please buy at least one book of tickets yourself.

If you have questions, or would like to help make our Christmas Craft Fair even more successful, please send a message to stlukenhfair@gmail.com or leave a message for Julie Lamere at the Parish Office: 603-382-8324. Thank you!

TOUCH A TRUCK

St. Joseph Regional Catholic School invites you to its 4th Annual Touch-A-Truck on **Saturday, September 22 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM!** This family-friendly event is free and open to the public. Vehicles, food, music, games, face painting, glitter tattoos, raffles and more!

LOVE THE WORD RETREAT

St. Kathryn Parish in Hudson, NH is presenting a Love the Word™ Retreat, featuring Sonja Corbitt, on **Friday, September 21, 2018, beginning at 7:00 PM and on Saturday, September 22, 2018 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.** All are invited to join them. \$25 Saturday Admission Price. Please call 603-882-7793 or visit www.stkathryns.org for further details

AMAZON SMILE

St. Luke's has received a **\$36.49** donation from the AmazonSmileFoundation due to AmazonSmile program activity between April 1 and June 30, 2018.

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.

LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD

“If one member suffers, all suffer together with it” (*1 Cor* 12:26). These words of Saint Paul forcefully echo in my heart as I acknowledge once more the suffering endured by many minors due to sexual abuse, the abuse of power and the abuse of conscience perpetrated by a significant number of clerics and consecrated persons. Crimes that inflict deep wounds of pain and powerlessness, primarily among the victims, but also in their family members and in the larger community of believers and nonbelievers alike. Looking back to the past, no effort to beg pardon and to seek to repair the harm done will ever be sufficient. Looking ahead to the future, no effort must be spared to create a culture able to prevent such situations from happening, but also to prevent the possibility of their being covered up and perpetuated. The pain of the victims and their families is also our pain, and so it is urgent that we once more reaffirm our commitment to ensure the protection of minors and of vulnerable adults.

1. If one member suffers...

In recent days, a report was made public which detailed the experiences of at least a thousand survivors, victims of sexual abuse, the abuse of power and of conscience at the hands of priests over a period of approximately seventy years. Even though it can be said that most of these cases belong to the past, nonetheless as time goes on we have come to know the pain of many of the victims. We have realized that these wounds never disappear and that they require us forcefully to condemn these atrocities and join forces in uprooting this culture of death; these wounds never go away. The heart-wrenching pain of these victims, which cries out to heaven, was long ignored, kept quiet or silenced. But their outcry was more powerful than all the measures meant to silence it, or sought even to resolve it by decisions that increased its gravity by falling into complicity. The Lord heard that cry and once again showed us on which side he stands. Mary's song is not mistaken and continues quietly to echo throughout history. For the Lord remembers the promise he made to our fathers: “he has scattered the proud in their conceit; he has cast down the mighty from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty” (*Lk* 1:51-53). We feel shame when we realize that our style of life has denied, and continues to deny, the words we recite.

With shame and repentance, we acknowledge as an ecclesial community that we were not where we should have been, that we did not act in a timely manner, realizing the magnitude and the gravity of the damage done to so many lives. We showed no care for the little ones; we abandoned them. I make my own the words of the then Cardinal Ratzinger when, during the Way of the Cross composed for Good Friday 2005, he identified with the cry of pain of so many victims and exclaimed: “How much filth there is in the Church, and even among those who, in the priesthood, ought to belong entirely to [Christ]! How much pride, how much self-complacency! Christ's betrayal by his disciples, their unworthy reception of his body and blood, is certainly the greatest suffering endured by the Redeemer; it pierces his heart. We can only call to him from the depths of our hearts: *Kyrie eleison* – Lord, save us! (cf. *Mt* 8:25)” (Ninth Station).

2. ... all suffer together with it

The extent and the gravity of all that has happened requires coming to grips with this reality in a comprehensive and communal way. While it is important and necessary on every journey of conversion to acknowledge the truth of what has happened, in itself this is not enough. Today we are challenged as the People of God to take on the pain of our brothers and sisters wounded in their flesh and in their spirit. If, in the past, the response was one of omission, today we want solidarity, in the deepest and most challenging sense, to become our way of forging present and future history. And this in an environment where conflicts, tensions and above all the victims of every type of abuse can encounter an outstretched hand to protect them and rescue them from their pain (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 228). Such solidarity demands that we in turn condemn whatever endangers the integrity of any person. A solidarity that summons us to fight all forms of corruption, especially spiritual corruption. The latter is “a comfortable and self-satisfied form of blindness. Everything then appears acceptable: deception, slander, egotism and other subtle forms of self-centeredness, for ‘even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light’ (2 Cor 11:14)” (*Gaudete et Exsultate*, 165). Saint Paul’s exhortation to suffer with those who suffer is the best antidote against all our attempts to repeat the words of Cain: “Am I my brother’s keeper?” (*Gen* 4:9).

I am conscious of the effort and work being carried out in various parts of the world to come up with the necessary means to ensure the safety and protection of the integrity of children and of vulnerable adults, as well as implementing zero tolerance and ways of making all those who perpetrate or cover up these crimes accountable. We have delayed in applying these actions and sanctions that are so necessary, yet I am confident that they will help to guarantee a greater culture of care in the present and future.

Together with those efforts, every one of the baptized should feel involved in the ecclesial and social change that we so greatly need. This change calls for a personal and communal conversion that makes us see things as the Lord does. For as Saint John Paul II liked to say: “If we have truly started out anew from the contemplation of Christ, we must learn to see him especially in the faces of those with whom he wished to be identified” (*Novo Millennio Ineunte*, 49). To see things as the Lord does, to be where the Lord wants us to be, to experience a conversion of heart in his presence. To do so, prayer and penance will help. I invite the entire holy faithful People of God to a *penitential exercise of prayer and fasting*, following the Lord’s command.^[1] This can awaken our conscience and arouse our solidarity and commitment to a culture of care that says “never again” to every form of abuse.

It is impossible to think of a conversion of our activity as a Church that does not include the active participation of all the members of God’s People. Indeed, whenever we have tried to replace, or silence, or ignore, or reduce the People of God to small elites, we end up creating communities, projects, theological approaches, spiritualities and structures without roots, without memory, without faces, without bodies and ultimately, without lives.^[2] This is clearly seen in a peculiar way of understanding the Church’s authority, one common in many communities where sexual abuse and the abuse of power and conscience have occurred. Such is the case with clericalism, an approach that “not only nullifies the character of Christians, but also tends to diminish and undervalue the baptismal grace that the Holy Spirit has placed in the heart of our

people”.^[3] Clericalism, whether fostered by priests themselves or by lay persons, leads to an excision in the ecclesial body that supports and helps to perpetuate many of the evils that we are condemning today. To say “no” to abuse is to say an emphatic “no” to all forms of clericalism.

It is always helpful to remember that “in salvation history, the Lord saved one people. We are never completely ourselves unless we belong to a people. That is why no one is saved alone, as an isolated individual. Rather, God draws us to himself, taking into account the complex fabric of interpersonal relationships present in the human community. God wanted to enter into the life and history of a people” (*Gaudete et Exsultate*, 6). Consequently, the only way that we have to respond to this evil that has darkened so many lives is to experience it as a task regarding all of us as the People of God. This awareness of being part of a people and a shared history will enable us to acknowledge our past sins and mistakes with a penitential openness that can allow us to be renewed from within. Without the active participation of all the Church’s members, everything being done to uproot the culture of abuse in our communities will not be successful in generating the necessary dynamics for sound and realistic change. The penitential dimension of fasting and prayer will help us as God’s People to come before the Lord and our wounded brothers and sisters as sinners imploring forgiveness and the grace of shame and conversion. In this way, we will come up with actions that can generate resources attuned to the Gospel. For “whenever we make the effort to return to the source and to recover the original freshness of the Gospel, new avenues arise, new paths of creativity open up, with different forms of expression, more eloquent signs and words with new meaning for today’s world” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 11).

It is essential that we, as a Church, be able to acknowledge and condemn, with sorrow and shame, the atrocities perpetrated by consecrated persons, clerics, and all those entrusted with the mission of watching over and caring for those most vulnerable. Let us beg forgiveness for our own sins and the sins of others. An awareness of sin helps us to acknowledge the errors, the crimes and the wounds caused in the past and allows us, in the present, to be more open and committed along a journey of renewed conversion.

Likewise, penance and prayer will help us to open our eyes and our hearts to other people’s sufferings and to overcome the thirst for power and possessions that are so often the root of those evils. May fasting and prayer open our ears to the hushed pain felt by children, young people and the disabled. A fasting that can make us hunger and thirst for justice and impel us to walk in the truth, supporting all the judicial measures that may be necessary. A fasting that shakes us up and leads us to be committed in truth and charity with all men and women of good will, and with society in general, to combatting all forms of the abuse of power, sexual abuse and the abuse of conscience.

In this way, we can show clearly our calling to be “a sign and instrument of communion with God and of the unity of the entire human race” (*Lumen Gentium*, 1).

“If one member suffers, all suffer together with it”, said Saint Paul. By an attitude of prayer and penance, we will become attuned as individuals and as a community to this exhortation, so that we may grow in the gift of compassion, in justice, prevention and reparation. Mary chose to stand at the foot of her Son’s cross. She did so unhesitatingly, standing firmly by Jesus’ side. In this way, she reveals the way she lived her entire life. When we experience the desolation caused

by these ecclesial wounds, we will do well, with Mary, “to insist more upon prayer”, seeking to grow all the more in love and fidelity to the Church (SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, *Spiritual Exercises*, 319). She, the first of the disciples, teaches all of us as disciples how we are to halt before the sufferings of the innocent, without excuses or cowardice. To look to Mary is to discover the model of a true follower of Christ.

May the Holy Spirit grant us the grace of conversion and the interior anointing needed to express before these crimes of abuse our compunction and our resolve courageously to combat them.

Vatican City, 20 August 2018

FRANCIS

[1] “But this kind [of demon] does not come out except by prayer and fasting” (*Mt* 17:21).

[2] Cf. *Letter to the Pilgrim People of God in Chile* (31 May 2018).

[3] *Letter to Cardinal Marc Ouellet, President of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America* (19 March 2016).

BRING THE BIBLE TO LIFE AND LIVE SCRIPTURE EVERY DAY!!!!



Join us for six weeks of exploration of the Bible that equips you to apply the message of Scripture to your daily life.

Six Weeks with the Bible series, published by *Loyola Press*, is an ideal way to learn important background information on Scripture, experience praying God's Word, and discover the difference the Bible can make in your life today.

Our Fall Bible share groups will be exploring the theme "Relating to Others as Jesus Would" *Loyola Press* states: "We will read some excerpts from the Gospels in order to examine how Jesus related to the people in his life. As we proceed, we will explore connections between what we find in Scripture and our own life. The goal is to become more like Jesus."

If you are interested in joining a group either on Sunday mornings after the 10 a.m. Mass, beginning September 9, or on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m., beginning September 12, or Thursday afternoons at 1:30 p.m., beginning September 13; please cut the form at the bottom and complete. Completed forms should be returned either in the collection basket or the parish office no later than Tuesday, September 4. Any questions, contact Cathy Smith at 382-8324 or csmith@stluketheevangelist.net

Groups will meet downstairs in the Church Hall

(There is an \$8 book fee)

Name _____

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Relating to Others as Jesus Would (check one)

Sundays at 11 a.m. _____ Wednesdays at 7 p.m. _____ Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. _____
Sept. 9 – Oct. 14 Sept. 12 – Oct. 17 Sept. 13 – Oct. 18

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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

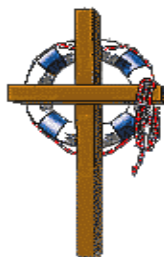
Don't you and your spouse deserve a beautiful, romantic weekend away together? Get away from all those worldly anxieties and take time to just focus on each other by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance, and renew 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

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Genuinely Model God's Love

By Mary Katharine Deeley

Our English word *hypocrite* comes from a Greek word that is pronounced almost the same. The Greeks often used the word to describe acting, but its root meaning is closer to this: "One who pretends or acts under a mask." We might describe such a person as two-faced.

There are several places in the Gospels where Jesus calls the Pharisees hypocrites because they say one thing and do another. Their actions appear to be part of a show so that others will think that they are good and holy. Jesus cuts to the heart of the matter when he points out that clinging to the letter of the law is

not what makes someone holy. Rather, it is the person with a pure heart free of greed, malice, envy, and evil of all kinds who is closer to God.

Jesus has the Old Testament Scriptures on his side. Psalm 15 lays out a wonderful description of the ones who will dwell with God forever in heaven. First and foremost, they are not hypocrites. Rather, they have integrity of heart and speak the truth (15:2). They "never defame a neighbor" (15:3). They practice what they preach and do it for the greater glory of God.

We all have moments when we act better (or sometimes worse) than we are because we want to appear differently to others. The challenge for us today is to be genuine, to let the love of God become the model for how we love. Then we will have no need to worry about whether we are following the law. Our own actions will tell us so. +

Sunday Readings

Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–8

[Moses said to the people,] "You shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it."

James 1:17–18, 21b–22, 27

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.

Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23

[Jesus said,] "You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition."

Jesus notes that clinging to the letter of the law is not what makes someone holy.

A Word From Pope Francis

We all know...how much harm and scandal is done to the Church by those people who say they are deeply Catholic and often go to Church, but who then neglect their family in daily life, speak badly of others, and so on. This is what Jesus condemns because this is a counter-witness to Christianity.

—Angelus, August 30, 2015



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Am I ever guilty of not practicing what I preach?
- Instead of merely following Church law, is my emphasis on genuinely loving my neighbors?



The Paradox of Power

By Richard Rohr, OFM

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 5:3).

This is the familiar opening of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount—his inaugural address. At the beginning of his teaching, Jesus gives us a revolutionary understanding of how change happens.

In God's reign, the "poor in spirit"—the excluded, rejected, overlooked, and useless—have a big advantage. They have a "privileged seeing" over the rest of us.

The poor in spirit are those who have been defeated somehow and then rediscover themselves in a new place of utter security and freedom. They no longer need or believe in the old power or identity that appears simple and naïve to those of us still playing the game. In our competitive eyes they are poor and powerless. In Jesus' eyes they are blessed and happy.

Beginning in the Hebrew Scriptures and continuing throughout the Bible, we are taken on a journey into powerlessness. Biblical revelation is repeatedly undercutting conventional power and relocating it. It is one of the most difficult messages God delivers.

The word of God is seeking to stop the cycle of violence that has plagued humanity and to unlock it from within. Problems cannot be solved by changing things from the top down or the outside in. Instead, the Bible gradually reveals

what I call spiritual power: transforming things from the bottom up and the inside out.

Slow but Effective

Spiritual power is the ability to influence others through one's very being, through the transformative influence of truth and love. It moves from God's very being to people who have let God love them, and from these people who have been loved by God to everything they touch. It is slow but ultimately effective.

Only vulnerable people can keep growing, converting. They allow events to influence them. It is always the vulnerable and powerless that God can risk sharing power with because they alone know how to handle power. The rest of us normally abuse it.

Who does God choose to show God's self to? An enslaved people rather than a dominant power—the Israelites instead of the Egyptians or Babylonians. They gradually learn that they are not alone, that someone else (God) is in control. And so, they let go of control!

The theme continues with barren women (Sarah, Rachel, Rebecca, and Elizabeth), neglected sons (Isaac and David), rejected prophets (all of them) and in the daily ministry of Jesus with the lepers, blind, lame, and poor (who

respond to him, while the powerful fight him and finally kill him).

Jesus as Model

Spiritual power reaches its fullness in Jesus. He never forces God's will, but invites transformation. Even after he models the way of powerlessness to his apostles, they argue about who is the greatest. He challenges them: "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and the great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave. Just so, the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve..." (Matthew 20:25–28).

Through his life and teaching, Jesus revealed the nature of true power. He gave us a critique of all systemic power, prestige, and possessions that we still struggle to accept 2,000 years later. Without experiencing true spiritual power, we will never have the security to let go of all of its lesser forms. +



Lord, you come from the heart of the Trinity. Give me a pure heart, that I may reflect goodness and love.

*From Faithful Meditations
for Every Day in Ordinary Time,
Rev. Warren J. Savage
and Mary Ann McSweeney*

WEEKDAY READINGS

September 3-8

Monday, St. Gregory the Great: 1 Cor 2:1–5 / Lk 4:16–30

Tuesday, Weekday: 1 Cor 2:10b–16 / Lk 4:31–37

Wednesday, Weekday: 1 Cor 3:1–9 / Lk 4:38–44

Thursday, Weekday: 1 Cor 3:18–23 / Lk 5:1–11

Friday, Weekday: 1 Cor 4:1–5 / Lk 5:33–39

Saturday, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

Mi 5:1–4a or Rom 8:28–30 /

Mt 1:1–16, 18–23 or Mt 1:18–23