



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

**Sunday, September 23, 2018
Twenty-Fifth Sunday In
Ordinary Time**

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

Gathering: Gather Us In BB 303

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 103)

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

Preparation We Will Rise Again BB 440

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion Eat This Bread BB 337
Gift Of Finest Wheat BB 324

Recessional: How Can I Keep From Singing BB 442

10:00 AM

Gathering: Gather The People BB 302

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 19)

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

Preparation River Of Glory BB 651
Because The Lord Is My Shepherd
BB 466

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion Shepherd Me O God BB 459
One Bread, One Body BB 340

Recessional: Sing A Joyful Song BB 538

AMAZON SMILE

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✠ 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!

September 9, 2018

**Offertory \$7,000.78
Catholic University / USCCB \$1,247.25**

September 16, 2018

**Offertory \$5,677.42
Fuel \$1,577.02**

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 23, 2018 Priest Retirement Fund

**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 ✠



The Sanctuary Candle in
Mary, Mother of the Church
will burn this week in loving memory of
Mateo Intevalo
by Tess Moulaison

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 Madeiras7@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!

HURRICANE FLORENCE

Catholic Charities USA (www.catholiccharitiesusa.org) has set up its website donation page and text-to-give platform to help individuals and families impacted by Hurricane Florence. As it did in response to last year's hurricanes, the agency forwards 100 percent of funds raised to the local Catholic Charities agencies that serve the affected communities...

Those wishing to donate can text CCUSADISASTER to 71777 or call (800) 919-9338.



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?

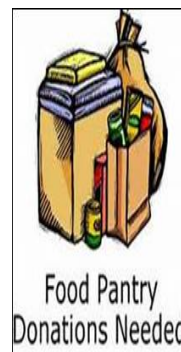
Any contribution is welcome.

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 FALL...

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

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Sunday, September 23
ST. VINCENT de PAUL APPEAL
AND BAKE SALE

10:00 AM	Religious Ed – Pre-K to 8	<i>Plaistow</i>
11:00 AM	Relating To Others As Jesus Would	<i>Plaistow</i>
11:00 AM	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	<i>Plaistow</i>

Wednesday, September 26
HOLY ANGELS CHURCH

OPEN ALL DAY FOR PRAYER

7:00 PM	Relating To Others As Jesus Would	<i>Plaistow</i>
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Thursday, September 27

8:30 AM	Adoration Begins	<i>Newton</i>
9:00 AM	Intercessory Prayer	<i>Plaistow</i>
1:30 PM	Relating To Others As Jesus Would	<i>Plaistow</i>
8:30 PM	Adoration Ends	<i>Newton</i>

Saturday, September 29

9:00 AM	Walk For The Poor	<i>Newton</i>
3:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation	<i>Plaistow</i>

Sunday, September 30

10:00 AM	Religious Ed – Pre-K to 8	<i>Plaistow</i>
11:00 AM	Relating To Others as Jesus Would	<i>Plaistow</i>



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**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, October 17 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 22 ~ Vigil / 25th Sunday in Ord. Time

Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16—4:3; Mk 9:30-37

4:00 PM	Frank Szczapa (2 nd Anniversary) by his family <i>Plaistow</i>
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Sunday, September 23 ~ 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16—4:3; Mk 9:30-37

8:00 AM	Phillip Howard (Birthday Remembrance) by Glenn Hughes <i>Newton</i>
10:00 AM	Msgr. Eugene Murphy by Ray and Florence Cooper <i>Plaistow</i>

Monday, September 24 ~ Weekday

Prv 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18

8:00 AM	Intentions of Audrey Metcalf (Birthday) by her family <i>Newton</i>
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Tuesday, September 25 ~ Weekday

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21

8:00 AM	Raymond & Anna Lynch and son Vincent by their family <i>Plaistow</i>
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Wednesday, September 26 ~ Cosmos and Damian, Martyrs

Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

6:30 PM	Donald King by his wife Barbara <i>Plaistow</i>
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Thursday, September 27 ~ Vincent de Paul, Priest

Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9

8:00 AM	Intentions of Paul Fournier by Dan & Jean Lloyd <i>Newton</i>
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Friday, September 28 ~ Wenceslaus, Martyr:

Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22

No Mass

**Saturday, September 29 ~ Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael,
Archangels**

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51 (Day)

Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 (Vigil)

4:00 PM	Natalie and Phillip Gagnon by their family <i>Plaistow</i>
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Sunday, September 30 ~ 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

8:00 AM	Dorothy Sitckney by Janice Bettencourt <i>Newton</i>
10:00 AM	John Murphy (61 st Anniversary) by his daughter Carole <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.

✠ FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION ✠

THE GOAL IS LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION

A new model of faith formation has been developing over the last 40 years. We have become accustomed to the classroom-instructional model. This model assumes that it is enough for young people to learn facts about the faith, once a week during their formative years. We all know that it takes much more than this for children to develop a strong foundation in their Catholic faith. The new model emphasizes that the community is at the heart of all faith formation. "Faith is communicated by the community of believers and the meaning of faith is developed by its members out of their history, by their interaction with each other, and in relation to the events that take place in their lives." (C. Ellis Nelson, *Where Faith Begins*, p.10). The life of our church is centered in the events that have the power to educate and transform individuals and the whole community. As Catholics, these include Church year feasts and seasons, sacraments and liturgy, justice and service, prayer and spiritual traditions, and community life. We know that these events are important to us, but we have to constantly learn how to participate in them so that we can understand them fully. Only then will they have the power to change us both personally and as a parish community. Lifelong faith formation is a process of growing in the faith that begins with Baptism. Immersed in the life of the Trinity, we are adopted sons and daughters of God our Father, brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ and temples of the Holy Spirit. Like all human relationships, developing and deepening our relationship with the Trinity happens gradually and over time. Consequently, lifelong faith formation provides opportunities and experiences throughout the entire lifespan to strengthen our relationship and knowledge of God, Jesus and the Spirit; to enhance our understanding of Scripture, Tradition and doctrines of our faith; and to sustain us in living as disciples of Jesus Christ. Catechesis is no longer for children only. If we are to be a church of missionary disciples, we all need to enter into the process of deepening our faith by continually learning and experiencing what it means to be a Catholic Christian.

RCIA

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

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

ADORATION

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

Newton – Thursday
8:30 AM – 8:30 PM

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

The church in Plaistow is open all day on Wednesdays for prayer.

PARENTS BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION

The monthly preparation session for infant Baptism will be held after the 10:00 AM Liturgy on **Sunday, October 14, 2018** in the Parish Office living room. All parents planning to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism are welcome. Families wishing to celebrate Baptism in the Church must be registered (according to Church Canon Law) and practicing (attending Sunday Mass) for 3 full months before a Baptism can be scheduled. Church Canon Law also regulates baptismal sponsors (godparents). Sponsors must be at least 16, fully initiated (having received Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation), and be practicing Catholics living Christian lives consistent with the Church's teaching. Please see Fr. Albert with questions.

✠ 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** ✠

BLUE MASS

The Most Reverend Peter Libasci, Bishop of Manchester, cordially invites you and your family to a BLUE MASS on **Sunday, September 30, 2018 at 10:30 AM** at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Manchester, NH. This Mass is celebrated for members of law enforcement, firefighters, and first responders and their families and communities. All are invited to come and pray for and with the members of law enforcement, firefighters, and first responders – that God will bless them in their work and bless their families and loved ones. A breakfast will follow in the Cathedral Church Hall. **Please RSVP by September 24.** To reserve tickets for the breakfast, please visit www.2018bluemass.eventbrite.com.

ST. ANDREW DINNERS

St. Andrew was the first of the Apostles to hear Jesus' call to follow him. Men in our Diocese who are considering a vocation to the priesthood or who would simply like some help hearing the Lord's call for their life, are invited to an evening of prayer, conversation with the Vocations Team, and dinner. These evenings will take place for different age groups on Fridays from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Joseph House in Manchester. Please RSVP to Becky Vinson at vinson@rcbm.org or call 663-0153 if you would like to attend:

October 5 ~ High School, Ages 14-18
October 19 ~ Young Men, Ages 19-24
November 2 ~ Older Men, Ages 25+

February 8 ~ High School, Ages 14-18
February 15 ~ Young Men, Ages 19-24
February 22 ~ Older Men, Ages 25+

THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE

St. Michael Parish in Exeter, NH invites you to hear Trent Horn speak on *"Refuting Relativism," "Hard Sayings,"* and *"How To Talk About Tough Moral Issues."* This one-day conference will take place on **Saturday, October 13** at St. Michael Church in Exeter, NH from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. A light breakfast and lunch is included. Cost is \$35 per person. To register, go to www.stmichaelparish.org. For more information, contact Deacon Eric Lambert at deacon@stmichael.org.

JESUS aCROSS THE BORDER

**The Catholic Conference On
Contemporary Worship**

**St. Mary Of The Assumption Church
Dedham, MA**

Saturday, October 20, 2018

**To register, or for more information, go to
www.ccworshipconference.com**



**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!

PROJECT RACHEL

If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential non-judgmental help is available. Call Project Rachel's national toll-free number at 1-888-456-HOPE (4673) or visit www.hopeafterabortion.org.

LOSS AND LIVING

Our Lady of Hope – House of Prayer

October 12-14, 2018

Registration Deadline: September 28, 2018

To register, or for more information, contact Sisters Rita Pay or Suzanne Rivard, p.m. at olhope1@yahoo.com or go to <http://www.ourladyhope.org>.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. Put Christ's love into your relationship by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is **December 7-9, 2018** in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 1-800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

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

Restore • Renew • Proclaim

the Hope that is Christ



The Diocese of Manchester is in the process of continuing to strengthen and renew faith formation in our parish, school and home school communities. Through this process we are being called anew to “Restore, Renew and Proclaim the Hope that is Christ.”

The goal is to make lifelong faith formation a priority and a reality throughout the diocese. This requires a few things:

- Making adult faith formation a priority in our parishes, which includes formation of catechists, parents and the entire adult community.
- Strengthening our youth ministry programs to include all teens of high school age.
- Reimagining our sacrament preparation processes to include a return to celebrating the sacraments of initiation in their **restored order**: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist.

What is Lifelong Faith Formation?

Lifelong faith formation is a process of growing in the faith that begins with baptism. Immersed in the life of the Trinity, we are adopted sons and daughters of God our Father, brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ and temples of the Holy Spirit. Like all human relationships, developing and deepening our relationship with the Trinity happens gradually and over time. Consequently, lifelong faith formation provides opportunities and experiences throughout the entire life span to strengthen our relationship and knowledge of God, Jesus and the Spirit; to enhance our understanding of Scripture, Tradition and doctrines of our faith; and to sustain us in living as disciples of Jesus Christ.

What does restored order of the Sacraments mean?

Restored order means returning the three sacraments of Christian initiation to the logical order in which they were designed to be celebrated: first Baptism, then Confirmation, then Eucharist. During the first five hundred years or so of the history of the Church, it was always the case that the sacraments of Christian initiation were celebrated in this sequence.

Why is the Diocese of Manchester changing the age of Confirmation?

By placing Confirmation at this age, the Diocese of Manchester will be following the natural sequence of the sacraments of Christian initiation. In addition, by placing Confirmation **prior to the reception of First Eucharist** it makes it easier to view the Eucharist as the summit of Christian initiation.

How is the celebration of Confirmation going to change in the Diocese of Manchester?

By 2021, the standard age of Confirmation is going to be third grade, and Confirmation will be celebrated at the same liturgy as First Communion. As a result, the preparation and reception of the sacraments of initiation throughout the Diocese of Manchester will be Baptism in infancy, Confirmation and Eucharist in third grade. Although not a sacrament of initiation, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be received in the second grade.

What are the benefits of restored order?

First, it will highlight that the Eucharist, not Confirmation, is the culmination of Christian initiation. Secondly, with the reception of grace of the Holy Spirit at a younger age, it will give children greater courage and guidance in facing the increasing difficulties of living a Christian life. Finally, it will allow for more opportunities for parents to take greater responsibility in their role as the primary educators of their children.

THE SACRAMENT SCHEDULE FOR OUR PARISH FOR THE YEAR 2018/2019

Grade 2 will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in January of 2019, and Confirmation and First Eucharist in the Spring of 2020.

Grades 6, 7, and 8 will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Spring of 2019. There will be meetings for Confirmation Parents and Students.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Our Parish program depends on volunteers who give of themselves and so witness by deeds of service to the Way of the Lord Jesus. Please consider assisting the Religious Education Program as a Catechist, Aide, Hall Monitor or Substitute:

CATECHIST (Pre-K – 8; Confirmation)

Qualifications: A love for and practice of the Catholic Faith, and a desire to share the faith with our young people; patience and understanding; willingness to grow in faith and knowledge.

Responsibilities: Pray for the children, their families, and each other; arrive several minutes before Mass; prepare and lead lessons according to the Parish Religious Education mission, goals, and vision, using curriculum text and supplementary materials provided or approved by Coordinator; attend Catechist Meetings and resource sessions; keep attendance records, maintain appropriate environment in the classroom; notify Coordinator in advance (if possible) of need for a substitute; notify coordinator in advance of materials, copies, equipment, etc., needed; report extraordinary circumstances to Coordinator.

CLASSROOM AIDE; HALL MONITOR; SUBSTITUTE

Qualifications: Patience and understanding; willingness to grow in faith and knowledge.

Responsibilities: Pray for the children, families, and each other; monitor the students going to the rest rooms, support teachers and coordinator where help is needed, keep track of the time, and help lead the students up to Mass after a session is completed.

It is the policy of the Diocese of Manchester that ALL Catechists, Aides, Hall Monitors and Substitutes must complete an application form and undergo a criminal background check with the State of NH before they are allowed to participate in the Religious Education Program. Additionally, all Parish Volunteers must complete "Safe Haven" on line training. Please see the Religious Education Coordinator with any questions.

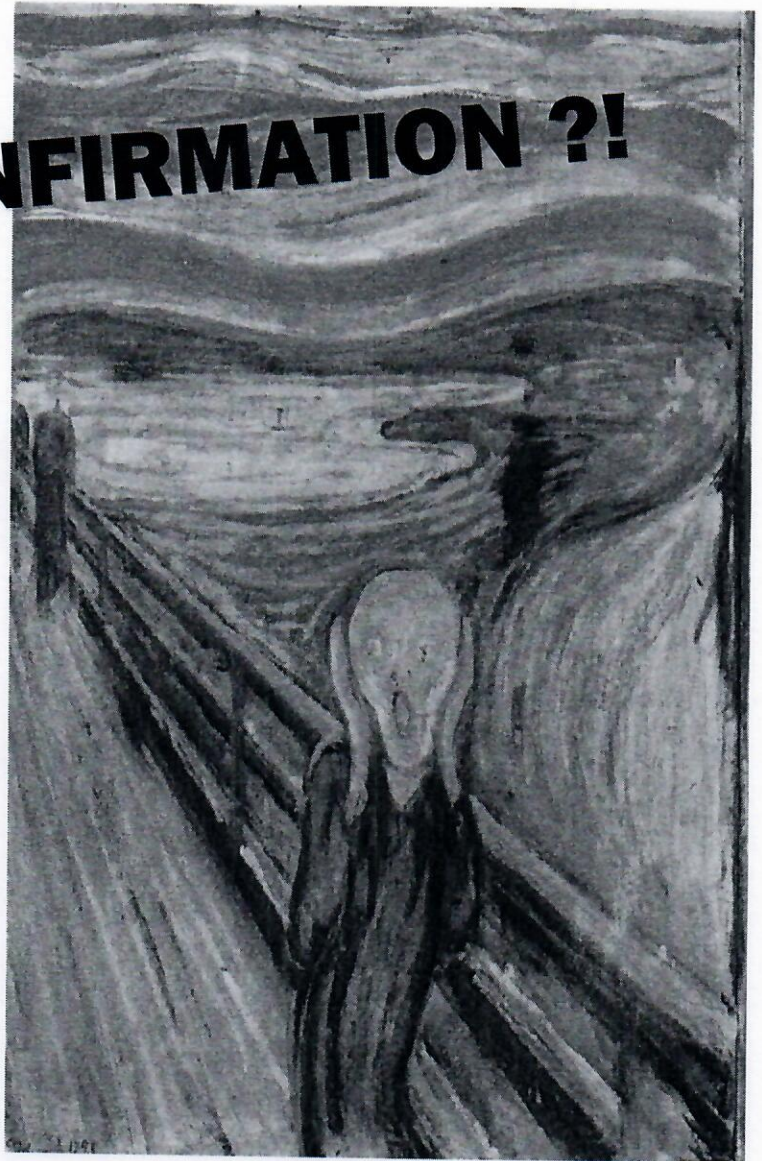
I MISSED CONFIRMATION ?!

It is true that in the Diocese of Manchester, the age for the celebration of Confirmation is heading down to 3rd grade, where by 2021, students all over NH will receive Confirmation and Eucharist for the first time at age 8.

But it isn't too late for older children and teenagers to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation!

Special preparation programs for older children and teens are available. Please contact the Religious Education Office at 603.382.8324 for more information.

A Confirmation preparation program for adults (18+) is also available! Contact the Parish Office (above number) for more information.





Maybe

it's time

To re-connect with your Church

To re-new yourself and others through the unique power of the Holy Spirit who guides us in Love and Truth.

If you are a baptized Catholic, have received your First Communion, but decided against Confirmation as a teen, maybe **NOW IS THE TIME** for you to re-consider **Confirmation**.

- ✓ Maybe you weren't ready when you were sixteen years old.
- ✓ Maybe you didn't want to be pressured into it by your family and peers.
- ✓ Maybe you weren't sure that Catholic is who you wanted to be.
- ✓ Maybe you were just beginning to doubt that what you were taught as a child -- about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Virgin Mary, the Eucharist, the saints, eternal life -- was all too good to be true.
- ✓ Maybe you were overwhelmed with school commitments, personal disappointments, and feeling that God really didn't care if you were Catholic anyway.

Sessions begin
soon!

God *does* care about you. *For some reason*, God chose you to be born into a family that would bring you to the Catholic Church for Baptism.

So maybe -- just maybe -- now...it's time....to make your own choice.

Confirmation.

If you are 18 or over and were never Confirmed, contact the Parish Office. With little time and reflection, practicing Catholics can be prepared to celebrate the gift of the Spirit in their lives.

Maybe it's your time.

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish, Newton-Plaistow
603 382 8324. www.stlukenh.org

The Gospel for All Ages

Family Catechesis

Gospel Weeklies
FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time • September 23, 2018 • The Greatest Serve Others

Sunday Readings: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

Weekly Discussion Questions

For the Parish Bulletin

Life Question: How do you make others feel welcome?

Gospel Question: What does Jesus teach by his welcoming a child?

LIFE AND GOSPEL QUESTIONS BY AGE LEVEL

Exploring the Sunday Readings (Adults)

What could be read in the signs of our times? What predictions would you make for the near future?

Visit exploringthesundayreadings.com

Visions (Grades 7-8)

Life Question: How do you make others feel welcome?

Gospel Question: What does Jesus teach by welcoming a child?

Venture (Grades 4-6)

Life Question: What makes a friend?

Gospel Question: How can serving make you the greatest?

Good News (Grades 2-3)

Life Question: How do you serve others?

Gospel Question: Who does Jesus say is the greatest?

Promise (Grades K-1)

Life Question: What do I do to welcome people?

Gospel Question: Why do we attend religion or faith formation classes and Mass?

Seeds (Preschool)

Life Question: What do I know about Jesus?

Gospel Question: Where do we go each week to celebrate God in our lives?

Family Corner

About the Gospel

Jesus explains that he will suffer and die, but the disciples are too afraid of what he is saying to question him about it. Instead, they focus on which one of them is the most important. Jesus tells them that if they want to be great, they must be humble and serve others.

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

In Church

Say a special prayer for someone who is in need.

Question of the Week

How can you serve others and help them with the difficulties they are experiencing?



Family Prayer

Lord, help us to see you when we see people in need.

Rincón de la Familia

Acerca del Evangelio

Jesús explica que él va a sufrir y a morir pero los discípulos están muy atemorizados con lo que oyen para cuestionarlo. Se concentran en otra cosa: quién de ellos es el más importante. Jesús les dice que si quieren ser importantes tienen que ser humildes y servir a los demás.

Visiten www.usccb.org/bible/lecturas para ver las lecturas de este domingo.

En la Iglesia

Eleven una oración especial por alguien necesitado.

Pregunta de la semana

¿Cómo puedes servir a otros y ayudarlos con las dificultades que están atravesando?



Oración en familia

Señor, ayúdanos a verte en las personas necesitadas que encontremos.



Autumn Ordinary Time - A Sense of the Season

All of our days are numbered. Now that Christ has risen from the dead and ascended into heaven, we count down the days until he returns in glory to judge the living and the dead. Ordinary Time is “ordinal” time: numbered days, days in which we lay out the scriptures and the prayers to bide our time until Christ returns.

Although the church makes no official distinction between the days of Ordinary Time from Pentecost until Advent, in our lives we experience the subtle shift from the relaxed days of summer to the increasingly active days of autumn. For some of us, the shift comes with the end-of-summer holiday or the beginning of school. Others see work activities shift, from tending to harvesting, from stocking shelves to increasing sales, from cashing out an old fiscal year to digging into a new one.

The church’s calendar contains some subtle shifts, too. On September 14 we celebrated the Holy Cross, and the waning of the natural world around us points us to the mystery of suffering and redemption. At the end of September we invoked the holy archangels to guard us in the encroaching twilight. And if we listen closely to the scriptures in October, we begin to hear talk of the last days and the final things. These thoughts reach their culmination with the great festival of saints and souls, November 1 and 2. And we spend November remembering the dead, preparing for the end and celebrating Christ, the firstfruits harvested of the new creation, the firstborn from the dead.

This is the extraordinary opportunity that autumn’s Ordinary Time opens up for us.



Bringing Home the Word

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Participating in God's Unfolding Tale

By Mary Katharine Deeley

When I get engrossed in a book, I try to read it through without stopping. Sometimes I can't help myself and I peek at the last few pages to see where the author is taking me. It is satisfying to let a story unfold and allow ourselves to be surprised, but there is also a secret delight in glimpsing at the end of our journey and wondering how the storyteller will get us there.

Looking ahead to the end of the story is what the Book of Wisdom wants to do when it says, "Let us see whether his words be true...Let us condemn him to

a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him" (Wisdom 2:17, 20). The author knows that the end of the story will reveal the truth.

Jesus picks up the story when he gives the second prediction of his passion. He offers the disciples a glimpse of what is yet to come. The disciples, as usual, miss the point. Instead they argue about how they wanted the story to go—with one of them as the greatest over all. Like a good storyteller, Jesus takes them in a different direction. The ending he has in mind does not come close to defining greatness as they think about it—a prize for being the best. Rather, Jesus points to a child, and we suddenly realize that greatness has nothing to do with power or ability, but with innocence and openness to the unfolding tale.

The story Jesus tells and the life he lives will include death and resurrection for him and his followers. Let's participate in it fully because we do know how it ends. +

Sunday Readings

Wisdom 2:12, 17–20

Let us see whether his words be true; let us find out what will happen to him in the end.

James 3:16—4:3

For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice.

Mark 9:30–37

[Jesus said,] "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me."

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A Word From Pope Francis

For all of us, the Catholic Church continues to be a field hospital that accompanies us on our spiritual journey. It is the place where we can sit with others, listen to them and share with them our struggles and our faith in the Good News of Jesus Christ.

—Address to Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, September 21, 2017



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- Do I live in humility as "last of all and servant of all," or do I seek self-serving glory?
- Does my life story follow the way God wants it to go, rather than me trying to take control?



How Much Is Enough?

By Kathy Coffey

You shall not covet your neighbor's house...or anything that belongs to your neighbor (Exodus 20:17).

I want a house on a hill like the ones with the gardens where papa works.” In *The House on Mango Street*, Sandra Cisneros remembers her childhood when the Sunday entertainment was riding around looking at beautiful homes. But eventually she quits going, not telling her family, “I am ashamed—all of us staring out the window like the hungry. I am tired of looking at what we can’t have.”

How many of us waste precious time and energy ogling “what we can’t have,” or figuring out a way to get it? In doing so, we overlook the great goods we *do* have: the endless reservoir of God’s love, the gifts of family and friends, the beauty of creation, a warm pool of memories, individual talents, health, the support of a faith community. Each of us could create a unique litany of blessings—a far better exercise than longing for the latest iPhone or designer jeans.

The trouble with envy is, it never ends. Those who own the beautiful homes others crave are probably wishing they also had waterfront property—or a Swiss chalet. What an infinite, frustrating loop! Desiring the brother’s Lexus or the friend’s swimming pool seems harmless, and cars or pools aren’t intrinsically evil. The problem is, they’re never enough.

We’ve all had the experience of yearning for something that we thought would bring happiness: the child’s bike, the adolescent’s car, the adult’s antique. Getting that object might thrill us temporarily, and we might even cherish it for some time. But eventually, the bike is outgrown, the car dies, and the antique joins the junk pile. No thing can provide the long-term happiness for which we were created.

“Good” Longings

Ignatian spirituality encourages our desires—as long as they are consonant with our deepest selves. These longings are good because they are planted in us by God. We should ask, then, for more wisdom, compassion, or kindness, because these will make us the fullest, best persons we can be. In contrast, a shopping list of things is simply too small for us, unworthy of God’s splendid children.

If we use the latest gizmos to shore up a weak ego or impress friends, we’re in big trouble, caught in a long quest for *more*. Nothing wrong with the gadget—the problem lies within if we can’t believe we’re *enough*: fashioned by God, redeemed by Christ, invigorated by the Spirit, and precious to some fine people.

What else do we need?

Most people who accumulate find that one thing leads to another. New furniture in the living room makes the dining room look shabby. And on it goes, until we don’t even realize we’re caught in an unending cycle. We work hard to afford storage lockers for stuff we don’t even use, then wonder why we’re not at peace.

Setting Limits

As life’s end approaches, do we want to cling stubbornly to possessions that probably won’t fit into the casket? Or will we be ready to ease joyfully into God’s arms because we’ve been there all along? If we set our ultimate sights on God’s face, anything lesser seems like a temporary distraction.

As Joan Chittister writes in *The Ten Commandments*, “Only God is really enough. Only when we see beyond all the things in which we are immersed, only when we learn to hold them all with a relaxed grasp, can we ever discover the One in whom all of them take their being.” +

PRAYER

Lord, I am grateful that you are my advocate. Take away all my fears and doubts. Fill me with your wisdom and love that I may be an instrument of your peace in the world.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS

September 24-29

Monday, Weekday:
Prv 3:27–34 / Lk 8:16–18

Tuesday, Weekday:
Prv 21:1–6, 10–13 / Lk 8:19–21

Wednesday, Weekday:
Prv 30:5–9 / Lk 9:1–6

Thursday, St. Vincent de Paul:
Eccl 1:2–11 / Lk 9:7–9

Friday, Weekday:
Eccl 3:1–11 / Lk 9:18–22

Saturday, Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael:
Dn 7:9–10, 13–14 or Rv 12:7–12a / Jn 1:47–51