

MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, September 30, 2018
Twenty-Sixth Sunday In
Ordinary Time

4:00 PM
8:00 AM

Gathering: All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name
BB 729

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 103)

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

Preparation: Whatsoever You Do BB 622

Mass Parts: Mass of Creation

Communion: Our Blessing Cup BB 363
Remember Your Love BB 662

Recessional: Sing, O Sing BB 551

10:00 AM

Gathering: Holy, Holy, Holy BB 206

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 27)

*The Lord is my light and my salvation,
of whom should I be afraid; of whom
should I be afraid.*

Preparation: Where Love Is Found BB 668
Turn To Me BB 661

Mass Parts: Mass of Creation

Communion: Remember Your Love BB 662
Loving And Forgiving BB 665

Recessional: Sing A New Song BB 544

AMAZON SMILE

AmazonSmile.com is the same market platform as Amazon.com, but with the added benefit of allowing customers to donate 0.5% of the price of items purchased to a charitable organization. Please register today to start shopping and donating at www.amazon.com. Be sure to choose: St Luke the Evangelist Parish, Plaistow.

✠ 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 23, 2018

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| Offertory | \$5,758.12 |
| Priest Retirement Fund | \$2,242.54 |

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

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| September 30, 2018 | No Second Collection |
| October 7, 2018 | Property Management |
| October 14, 2018 | Fuel |
| October 21, 2018 | World Missions |

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 ✠

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of the Columbus Day Holiday, the Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, October 8**. The Office will reopen at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, October 9.

ITALIAN FESTIVAL

Knights of Columbus Parish Fundraiser

The St Jude Council of the Knights of Columbus from our parish will be hosting an Italian Festival as a fundraiser for our Parish. All net proceeds from the Festival will be donated by the Knights to our Parish's Capital Improvements Program. The Knights to date have donated \$3,000 to the Program.

The Festival will be held on **Saturday, October 20 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM** at the Parish Center. Chef Rudi Ferrandi will be making his delicious homemade meatballs and sauce served over pasta. The meal will also include salad, breads, and a very wide array of delicious desserts. There will be Italian music, an Italian themed treasure chest that will be raffled off, along with gift baskets and a 50/50 raffle.

Tickets will go on sale following all Masses on the weekends of October 6-7 and October 13-14, and will also be available at the door. Tickets are \$9 for an adult and \$5 for children with a maximum amount of \$25 for parents and children. Take out meals will also be available. Please plan on attending and invite your family, friends, and neighbors.

The Knights would welcome and appreciate help from our Parish community to make this event a huge success for our Parish. If you would like to donate a gift basket or items that could be used for a gift basket, please contact Stephanie Meader at 603-974-2281 or at smeader@comcast.net. If you would like to help set up or help at the meal, please contact Dave Meader at 603-974-3162.



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?

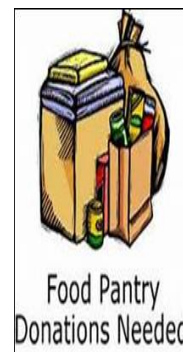
Any contribution is welcome.

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**.



The Sanctuary Candle in
Holy Angels Church
will burn this week in loving memory of
Margaret Davidson
by her daughter, Marjorie Knowles

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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Sunday, September 30

10:00 AM Religious Ed – Pre-K to 8 *Plaistow*
 11:00 AM Relating To Others As Jesus Would *Plaistow*
 12:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council Meeting *Plaistow*

Monday, October 1

7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting *Plaistow*

Wednesday, October 3

HOLY ANGELS CHURCH

OPEN ALL DAY FOR PRAYER

7:00 PM Relating To Others As Jesus Would *Plaistow*

Thursday, October 4

8:30 AM Adoration Begins *Newton*
 9:00 AM Intercessory Prayer *Plaistow*
 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting *Plaistow*
 1:30 PM Relating To Others As Jesus Would *Plaistow*
 8:30 PM Adoration Ends *Newton*

Saturday, October 6

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

Sunday, October 7

10:00 AM Religious Ed – Pre-K to 8 *Plaistow*
 11:00 AM Relating to Others as Jesus Would *Plaistow*



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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, 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 29 ~ Vigil / 26th Sunday in Ord. Time

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

4:00 PM Natalie and Phillip Gagnon by their family
Plaistow

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
Newton

10:00 AM John Murphy (61st Anniversary)
by his daughter Carole
Plaistow

Monday, October 1 ~ Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50

8:00 AM Mary Douglas
Newton

Tuesday, October 2 ~ Holy Guardian Angels

Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Mt 18:1-5

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

Wednesday, October 3 ~ Weekday

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62

6:30 PM Robert Giallongo by the Knights of Columbus,
St. Jude Council #6617
Plaistow

Thursday, October 4 ~ Francis of Assisi

Jb 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12

8:00 AM Mary Douglas by Grace Bukowski
Newton

Friday, October 5 ~ Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

Jb 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16

No Mass

Saturday, October 6 ~ Bruno, Priest;

Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24 (Day)

Gn 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 (Vigil)

4:00 PM John and Kirk Walsh by their family
Plaistow

Sunday, October 7 ~ 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16

8:00 AM Ron Metcalf by his family
Newton

10:00 AM Deceased Members of the St. Jude Council,
#6617, Knights of Columbus
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 ✠

SEQUENCE OF THE INITIATION SACRAMENTS

Many dioceses are in the process of restoring the sacrament of Confirmation to its rightful place in the initiation sequence: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. This honors a very ancient tradition and reflects the sequence in which the sacraments are celebrated in the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (RCIA). For much of this century many parishes in the U.S. have been postponing Confirmation. They thought that in junior high or high school young people were better able to make a personal decision and an "adult commitment" to Christ and to the church. Thus, we separated Confirmation from its real roots as a sacrament of initiation into the faith community. We threw it out of its historical sequence. We tried to make it stand out there by itself. There were some very positive pastoral results when we did this: more participation in faith formation programs until a later age and a more mature experience of sacramental life. But, there is wisdom in the ancient tradition of having the three sacraments of initiation celebrated in their traditional order: Baptism, Confirmation, and then Eucharist. In Baptism, we are immersed in the death and resurrection of Christ. In Confirmation, we are sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. In Eucharist, we sit with the community at the banquet of life which prepares us for the eternal banquet. Eucharist is, and should be, the ultimate peek of our sacramental life. Now we need to assess what we are doing with sacraments in the church. Our ancient tradition has much to teach us, as is evident from our experience with the RCIA in our parishes. The way we initiate new members into the church can also teach us how our own children should experience the sacraments of initiation. Since the 1970's had two contrasting supplemental practices. On the one hand, those becoming Catholics, including children as young as seven, celebrated all three sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. On the other hand, in some parishes the children raised from infancy as Catholics were told that they wouldn't be ready for Confirmation until they were teens. Restoring the traditional sequence of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist for the Catholic youngsters will make us consistent in our practice.

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 ✠

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| 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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| Joyce Szapa | jszczapa@stluketheevangelist.net |
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| Thomas Kondel | tkondel@stluketheevangelist.net |
| Val Barczak | mvmbarczak@comcast.net |
| Youth Ministry | youth@stluketheevangelist.net |
| Parish Council | parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net |

✠ **Parish News ~ Youth News ~ Around The Diocese** ✠

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.**

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 rvinson@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+

ROSARY COAST TO COAST

Americans from across the country will be praying a public rosary at the same moment on **Sunday, October 7 beginning at 4:00 PM** for the conversion of our country, our church, and the world. To participate, go to Hampton Beach (across the street from the Hampton Beach Casino Ballroom) at 4:00 PM. Get there early and dress appropriately.

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!

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS

Afternoon:

Mondays, 12:30 to 2:00 PM

October 1 to November 12

Epping Regional Health Center
212 Calef Highway (Route 125, Epping, NH)

Evenings:

Tuesday, 5:30 to 7:00 PM

October 2 to November 6

Or

Wednesdays, 5:30 to 7:30 PM

October 3 to November 7

RVNA & Hospice Office,
137 Epping Road, Exeter, NH

Monthly Drop-In Grief Support Group is also available on the 3rd Monday of every Month. For more information, or to register, call 603-772-2981.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

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 and **January 18-20, 2019** in South Kingstown, RI. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 1-800-710-9963 or visit them at <http://www.mema.org/>.

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

Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass for Deceased Members

On **Sunday October 7 at the 10AM Mass**, the St Jude Council of the Knights of Columbus will be gathering to pray for their deceased Brothers. We are celebrating the lives of these Catholic mem who willingly served their parish and community with charity, unity and fraternity. After Mass, you are welcome to join us downstairs in the hall for pastries, donuts, and light refreshments.

Deceased Knights of St Jude Council #6617:

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| Warren Ames | John Gaff | Jack Meli |
| Edmund Barry | Joseph Gesmundo | Patrick Morris |
| Fred Bishop | Robert Giallongo | Msgr Eugene Murphy |
| Robert Blanchette | Herman Green | Robert Murphy |
| Mark Bloom | Rev Michael Griffin | Ernie Picken |
| Richard Brindle | Chuck Griggs | Louis Quintal |
| Ronald Castonguay | Ronald Guyett | Elmer Ratta |
| Francis Clark | Lewis Hadley | Al Ravgiala |
| Rolf Comeau | Ralph Helms | Rudolph Rogers |
| James Conley | Theodore Hesse | Joseph Roldan |
| John Connors Sr | Fr. Sam Hewitt | John Scotti |
| Alfred Conte | Joe Holland | Ed Smith |
| Michael Cook | Paul Hughes | Paul Stefanski |
| Mike Daley | John Ioia | Ted Stopyra |
| Arthur Decareau | John Kavanough | Paul Vaillancourt |
| Joseph DeRosa | Royal Knowles | Bill Ward |
| Robert DiBella | Richard Lapierre | Harold Widman |
| Edward DiCarlo | Ray Lussier | Joseph Thompson |
| Martin Dowd | Richard Maloof | Robert Yanacek |
| Vincent Early | Norm Matineau | George Young |
| George Filteau | Albert Morin | Andre Gagnon |
| Joseph Fitzpatrick | Jack McNally | Curtis Jacques |
| | | Joseph Krafton |
| | | Robert Rivard |



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IS THE PLACE TO MATCH YOUR LIFE,
YOUR ACTIONS AND YOUR FAITH TOGETHER IN:

THE EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

HELP CHANGE AND SAVE LIVES, PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION
AND SUPPORT THE CHURCH AND OUR PARISH:

SOME OF OUR PROGRAMS

- ITALIAN & ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL DINNERS
- TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE TO ASSIST THE MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED AT THE LOCAL LEVEL
- PRO LIFE- SUPPORT HAVERHILL PPC / DERRY BIRTHRIGHT & 40 DAYS FOR LIFE
- ST JUDE GOLF TOURNAMENT TO ASSIST LOCAL FAMILIES
- HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS (THANKSGIVING / CHRISTMAS / EASTER) & FOOD PANTRY
- STATIONS OF THE CROSS / SOUP SUPPER / ROSARY PROGRAM
- SUPPORT FOR THREE SEMINARIANS
- PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE – HELPING LOCAL PEOPLE IN NEED
- BLOOD DRIVES (SEMI-ANNUAL)

THE ST JUDE COUNCIL KNIGHTS SERVE THE PARISH AS USHERS,
LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, ALTAR SERVERS & OTHER MINISTRIES

***PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING THE KNIGHTS. YOU DECIDE HOW LITTLE OR
HOW MUCH TIME YOU CAN VOLUNTEER.***

**TALK TO A KNIGHT- WE ARE AT EVERY MASS SERVING IN MANY CAPACITIES.
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL DAN SULLIVAN AT 603.770.4803**

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH 11TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2018

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH CENTER

8 ATKINSON DEPOT ROAD, PLAISTOW, NH



A St. Luke the Evangelist tradition!

Join the fun as our Parish family comes together to create lots of holiday spirit, and to raise much-needed funds for our community.

5 BIG Raffles: \$1,000 Cash, Penny Sale,
Theme Baskets, Quilt, and Wine

Silent Auction ♦ *Cookie Heaven*

Baked Goods ♦ Photos with Santa Claus

St. Luke's Jewelry Table ♦ *Children's Corner*

Country Store ♦ Live Entertainment

Delicious refreshments for sale all day long

25 Juried Vendors of hand-crafted items!



For our Christmas Craft Fair to be a success, we need a lot of help. Please look over this catalog of opportunities to see where your talents fit. Get involved in this community event as a family, a group of friends, a ministry, or, as an individual!

For more information: email Craft Fair at: stlukenhfair@gmail.com



PROMOTE, PROMOTE, PROMOTE . . .

Talk about the Fair to everyone you meet or visit. Be sure to invite & entice all your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to attend **our** Christmas Craft Fair! The more people from outside St. Luke's that come to the Fair, the better it is for our Parish.

More people = More \$\$\$\$ for the Parish and a lot more FUN!!

Pursuing Persons to Publicly Promote the Fair:

- _____ Put window banners in each of your vehicles and give mini-flyers to everyone.
- _____ Find public places to display mini-flyers – town halls, stores, libraries, sports clubs, your work place, community notice boards, etc.
- _____ Help put up – and then take down & return to church – YARD SIGNS in Plaistow, Newton and surrounding towns (*put up weekend of October 21 and 22) (take down November 11 to November 20).*

Silent Auction

We need A LOT of HELP with Silent Auction. We need **NEW** prizes such as small appliances, digital audio/video/photograph equipment, toys, bikes, ski or sports equipment. We also need donations of gift certificates, \$25 or larger, for weekend trips, ski &/or golf packages, tickets &/or packages to sporting and entertainment events, etc.! Donate something **you** can make, bake, do, etc. Think outside of the box!

URGENT & IMMEDIATE NEED We are looking for 2-3 volunteers to make DAYTIME phone calls to follow up on donation requests as well as volunteers to pick-up donated items. If you can help with this call: JULIE LAMERE @ 603-247-4147 ASAP.

WANTED: Motivated Masses to...

- _____ Solicit a prize from your work place. If you own a business, PLEASE DONATE A PRIZE.
- _____ Get out there and get those prizes! Visit your favorite businesses and ask them to donate Gift Certificates or Products to St. Luke's Silent Auction!
- _____ Lottery Tickets! Lots & Lots of Lottery Tickets. any-value scratch Lottery tickets for the Giant Lottery Tree (*expiration after November 12!*).
- _____ Donate three home-made pies for Thanksgiving and/or Christmas (*prepare pies for winning bidder to pick up from the Parish Office on a mutually agreed day*).
- _____ Donate a Christmas-card addressing service for up to 50 cards (*winning bidder drops off and picks up cards from the Parish Office on mutually agreed days*).
- _____ Bring donations to church November 3 and 4
- _____ Help arrange the Silent Auction tables (Friday, November 9).
- _____ Work the Silent Auction table for a shift (Saturday, November 10).

CA\$H RAFFLE

Six chances to win: \$1,000 1st prize, \$300 2nd prize, & four \$50 3rd prizes! Tickets are only 6 for \$5.00, or \$1.00 each.

Vocal Volunteers are Vital! Please...

- _____ SELL SELL SELL Lots of tickets to Lots of People!!
Remember: more people = more proceeds for the Parish
- _____ Help sell tickets at the Cash Raffle Table the day of the Fair





Cookie Heaven

Bake dozens and dozens and dozens of delicious cookies. Gluten-free, nut-free and/or sugar-free cookies very welcome; please label clearly! Watch for the **Cookie Angel's** Visit!!

Bountiful Bakers needed to:

- _____ **BAKE** cookies
- _____ Bake **COOKIES**
- _____ Bake **LOTS & LOTS & LOTS OF** cookies
- _____ Deliver to Parish Center Friday, November 9, 3:00pm-8:00pm.

PENNY SALE

We need all kinds of **NEW** items for all ages: men & women – boys & girls.

Looking for gift cards, \$5-\$20 cash value, from local restaurants, hair salons, auto service centers, nurseries, gardening centers, and more!

Savvy Citizens sought to:

- _____ Donate **NEW** un-used gifts taking up space in your closet are Treasures for the Penny Sale! Please donate any you'd like to re-gift.
- _____ Visit your favorite local haunts and ask them to donate an item or gift certificate.
- _____ Bring donations to church on November 9 and 10. (no perishables please)
- _____ Work the Penny Sale table for a shift at the Fair, Saturday, November 10.

Quilt Raffle

Hark, Helpers! Can you...

- _____ Help sell tickets after 4pm and 10am Masses in Plaistow and/or 8am
- _____ Mass in Newton any weekend in October.
- _____ Help sell Quilt Raffle tickets for a shift at the Fair

Wine Raffle (no hard liquor please)

"Anyone over 21" needed to please:

- _____ Donate a bottle of wine – red, white or sparkling—all kinds of wine!
- _____ Collect empty wine boxes from the NH Liquor store.
- _____ Bring wine and empty boxes to Parish Center Friday, November 9, 3:00 pm-8:00 pm.
- _____ Work a shift at the Wine Raffle at the Fair, Saturday, November 10.



Theme Baskets (please list what's in the basket and its value).

We need wrapped, ready-to-raffle baskets with a theme. Here are some ideas: chocolate, golfers, indoor and outdoor gardening, fishermen, movie night, games, books, Christmas theme, girls, boys, music, Thanksgiving theme, babies, pets, faith formation & reflection, knitting, crocheting, quilting, scrapbooking, children's creative arts, grilling, baking, and international! Get creative!

Thematic Thinkers wanted to:

- _____ Create and donate a basket
 - _____ Ask where you shop to donate a basket: hair dresser, gym/work out place, shoe store, auto service, pet store.
 - _____ Bring donations to the Parish Center Friday, November 9, 3:00pm-8:00pm
- *no perishables, please*

COUNTRY STORE

All kinds of goodies for all ages: men & women, boys & girls, plus Christmas and Thanksgiving items.

Closet Crafters please:

- _____ Hand knit or crochet items: hats, mittens, afghans, sweaters, etc. Baby sizes sell fast!
- _____ Make jams, jellies, canned fruit, pickles, relishes, etc.
- _____ Bake pies, breads, brownies, cupcakes, etc. (all cookies will go to Cookie Heaven).
- _____ Gluten-free, nut-free and/or sugar-free baked goods are welcome; please label clearly!
- _____ Bring to Parish Center Friday, November 9, 3:00 pm-8:00 pm.

Thrift Store

(no electronics or Catholic Sacramentals please.)

We need **LIKE NEW** items for all ages: men & women, boys & girls, plus Holiday items.

Hunting for Treasure Hunters to:

- _____ Donate seasonal decorations, wreaths, table décor, etc.; kitchen wares, wood-worked items, popular books, CDs, DVDs, toys and games (if no missing or broken pieces).
- _____ Donate NEW "As Seen on TV" items.
- _____ Donate Grab bags (no perishables please)
- _____ Bring to Parish Center Friday, November 9, 3:00 pm-8:00 pm.

Jewelry Table

Time to clean out those jewelry boxes and drawers! Bring in all things in good condition you don't wear anymore: earrings, pins, rings, necklaces, bracelets, cuff links, tie pins, chains, watches, etc.!

Regalia Wranglers requested to:

- _____ Donate new or as new jewelry.
- _____ Bring to church November 3 and 4 or call Danielle to pick it up (603-382-6499).

Children's Corner

Lollipop Game, Face Painting, decorate home-made sugar cookies!

Lots of things to keep little people busy – and entertained!

People with Big Hearts & Lots of Patience needed to:

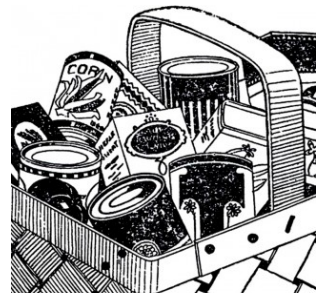
- _____ Donate Tootsie Roll Pops (pops need to be big enough not to fall through the holes).
- _____ Donate small- and medium-sized prizes suitable for boys or girls.
- _____ Bring to church November 3 and 4.
- _____ Help run Children's Corner activities on Saturday, November 10.

FOOD, Glorious FOOD!

Delicious food & beverages will be available all day thanks to Marie Farren and her team of helpers.

Foraging for Fabulous Foodies to:

- _____ Donate ingredients for American Chop Suey and other delicious food and beverages—watch for sign-up boards after Masses this month!
- _____ Help prepare food Thursday, November 8 and/or Friday, November 9.
- _____ Work a shift in the kitchen or as a cashier on Saturday, November 10.



Fair Set-up & Break-down:

We need lots of MUSCLE to help set-up on Thursday, November 8, Friday, November 9 and Saturday, November 10. Please fill out the enclosed sign-up sheet and watch for sign-up boards after Masses this month!

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, November 10, 2018 – 9:00 am–3:00 pm – St. Luke the Evangelist Parish Center

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET

*** PLEASE RETURN NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 21 ***

IN THE COLLECTION BASKET OR TO THE PARISH OFFICE

Name: _____ Best time to reach you: _____

Best day-time phone: _____ Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Best evening phone: _____ Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

E-mail: _____

Mailing Address: _____

THE CHRISTMAS FAIR NEEDS YOUR HELP.

With your help, we, as a community, can work together to make this year's Christmas Fair one of the best ever!! Thank you so much for your thoughtful & generous donations as well as your desperately-needed physical participation & assistance. The Parish can not run this fair without YOU!

Please indicate, below & on the reverse side, where & when you can help.

Many hands do make light work; St. Luke's Christmas Fair is counting on you! ☺.

Please arrive 5-10 minutes before your time slot.

- _____ **Sunday 11/4, after 8am Mass** – DRIVE donations from Newton to Parish Office in Plaistow
- _____ **Sunday 11/4, after 10am Mass** – CARRY donations from Church to Parish Office in Plaistow
- _____ **Thursday 11/8, 2pm-4pm** – MUSCLE needed to help clean, collect heavy benches from the Scouts Camp in Kingston and unload them at the Parish Center
- _____ **Thursday 11/8, 3pm-5pm** – Help set up banners and tables in Parish Center
- _____ **Thursday 11/8, 3:30pm-4:30pm** – Help unload benches at Parish Center
- _____ **Thursday 11/8, 4pm-8pm** – We need someone with a pickup truck/trailer, is this YOU?? ☺
- _____ **Thursday 11/8, 4pm-4:30pm** – CARRY items from Liturgy closet to Parish Center
- _____ **Thursday 11/8, 4:30pm-8pm** – Decorate stage and Café
- _____ **Thursday 11/8, 4:30pm-6pm** – CARRY items from Sacristy, Confessional & choir loft to Parish Center
- _____ **Thursday 11/8, 4:30pm-7pm** – MUSCLE needed to Move benches up onto tables for display height
- _____ **Thursday 11/8, 4:45pm-6:30pm** – Unload items from vehicles to Country Store & Silent Auction areas
- _____ **Thursday 11/8, 6:30pm-7:30pm** – Bring items from Parish Office to Parish Center to correct tables
- _____ **Thursday 11/8, 7pm-7:30pm** – Move wood blocks to tables for display purposes
- _____ **Thursday 11/8, 7pm-7:30pm** – Move chairs to tables
- _____ **Thursday 11/8, 7:30pm-8pm** – Test and tape electrical cords
- _____ **Friday 11/9, between 12 Noon – 8pm** – Help set-up Silent Auction Tables ***NEED 3***
 - I am available from _____ to _____
- _____ **Friday 11/9, between 12 Noon – 8pm** – Help set-up Parish Tables
 - I am available from _____ to _____
- _____ **Friday 11/9, between 3pm – 8pm** – Hold doors open for vendors coming & going at Parish Center
 - I am available from _____ to _____
- _____ **Sunday 11/11, after 10am Mass, 11:00am-12:30pm** – Help distribute Raffle Winnings to Winners downstairs in the Religious Education Office in Plaistow

HELP NEEDED ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 10, THE DAY OF THE FAIR

Please check one or more ways that you're able to help. * **PLEASE RETURN BY OCTOBER 21** *

Specific Help: Please check one or more ways that you're able to help.

- ☐ **Saturday, 11/10, 7am-2pm** – Help with Parking – I am available from _____ to _____
- ☐ **Saturday, 11/10, 8am-3pm** – Help at Parish Tables – I am available from _____ to _____
- ☐ **Saturday, 11/10, 2:30pm-4pm** – Monitor Silent Auction Tables as bids are tallied
- ☐ **Saturday, 11/10, 3:30pm-5pm** – Help breakdown Fair in Parish Center and/or bring items to the church
- ☐ **Saturday, 11/10, 3:30pm-5pm** – We need someone with a pickup truck/trailer, is this YOU?? ☺
- ☐ **Saturday, 11/10, 4pm-8pm** – Help match Silent Auction items with winning bidders after the Fair
- ☐ **Saturday, 11/10, After 4pm Mass** – Additional assistance will be needed in the Parish Center

GENERAL HELP: PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PREFERRED SHIFT DURING THE FAIR **

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|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Bird 7:30 am – 9:00 am | <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Morning 8:30 am – 11:00 am | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair Breakdown 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch 11:00 am – 1:00 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Time Frame, be specific _____ |

If possible, I prefer to help with the:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> CAFÉ Cashier | <input type="checkbox"/> CA\$H RAFFLE | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Corner | <input type="checkbox"/> Cookie Heaven |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Country Store | <input type="checkbox"/> Jewelry Table | <input type="checkbox"/> Penny Sale | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Put Me Where Needed!</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quilt Raffle | <input type="checkbox"/> Silent Auction | <input type="checkbox"/> Theme Basket | <input type="checkbox"/> WINE Raffle |

***Please arrive 5-10 minutes early & stop at Volunteer Check-In for assignment.**

- ☐ I can't stand for very long ☐ I can't climb stairs ☐ I can't lift heavy items

I will donate to...

****Please donate NEW or LIKE NEW items only.****

- ☐ Silent Auction _____
- ☐ Penny Sale _____
- ☐ Country Store _____
- ☐ Jewelry _____
- ☐ Children's Corner _____

*[Please bring **non-perishable** donations to church the weekend of 11/3 and 11/4*

I will donate to...

****Please donate NEW or LIKE NEW items only.****

- ☐ Wine Raffle _____
- ☐ Cookie Heaven cookies, cookies, cookies, cookies, cookies, cookies, and more cookies!
- ☐ Theme Baskets _____
- ☐ Country Store _____

*[Please bring donations for these tables, **and all perishable items**, to the Parish Center 11/9 – 3-8pm]*

I will donate to...

☐ **St. Luke's Café: Please watch for special sign-up boards after Mass!**

Everybody, Somebody, Anybody & Nobody

There was an important job to be done & Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Somebody would do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.



The Gospel for All Ages

Family Catechesis

Gospel Weeklies
Pflaum
FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time • September 30, 2018 • Jesus Gathers a Community

Sunday Readings: Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Weekly Discussion Questions

For the Parish Bulletin

Life Question: What can each of us do today to build the Church we envision?

Gospel Question: What does Jesus mean when he says, "Whoever is not against us is for us"?

LIFE AND GOSPEL QUESTIONS BY AGE LEVEL

Exploring the Sunday Readings (Adults)

Theologian Karl Rahner speaks of "anonymous Christians," who obey the law of love without benefit of baptism. Have you known Christians who are not Christian, and non-Christians who are?

Visit exploringthesundayreadings.com

Visions (Grades 7-8)

Life Question: What shows that you follow Jesus?

Gospel Question: What does Jesus teach about including others?

Venture (Grades 4-6)

Life Question: Who are people you follow?

Gospel Question: How do you show that you are a follower of Jesus?

Good News (Grades 2-3)

Life Question: How are we connected to one another?

Gospel Question: How are we connected to Jesus?

Promise (Grades K-1)

Life Question: Who are members of your family?

Gospel Question: Who gathers at your house?

Seeds (Preschool)

Life Question: When do you say "thank you?"

Gospel Question: What does *gather* mean?

Family Corner

About the Gospel

Jesus reminds us that whoever is not against us is for us. This is a good reminder to treat anyone who brings Jesus to us (priests, deacons, teachers) with respect and kindness.

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

In Church

Say thank you to someone at your church who helps you on your faith journey.

Question of the Week

How does your parish priest bring Jesus to you?
How can you bring Jesus to others?

Family Prayer

Lord, help us to recognize those who teach us to know you better. Helps us to treat them with love and kindness every day.

Rincón de la Familia

Acerca del Evangelio

Jesús nos recuerda que quien no está contra nosotros está con nosotros. Esto es un buen recordatorio sobre cómo tratar a aquellos que nos llevan a Jesús (sacerdotes, diáconos, maestros) y merecen nuestro respeto y nuestra bondad.

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

En la Iglesia

Expresen su agradecimiento a alguien en su iglesia que los ayuda en la senda de la fe.

Pregunta de la semana

¿Cómo te lleva a Jesús el sacerdote de tu parroquia?
¿Cómo puedes llevar a otros a Jesús?

Oración en familia

Señor, ayúdanos a reconocer a aquellos que nos enseñan a conocerte mejor. Ayúdanos a tratarlos con amor y amabilidad todos los días.

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.



Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | September 30, 2018

We Are All Part of the Mission of Christ

By Mary Katharine Deeley

One of the great religious scandals is the multiplication of Christian denominations. Fueled partly by arguments about structure, Scripture, theology, and emphasis on individual autonomy (“I don’t like what you’re doing, so I’ll start my own church”), the number has risen over the last few centuries into the hundreds. We can be certain this isn’t what Jesus intended. His frequent prayer was “that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and

I in you” (John 17:21). But Jesus knew the human temptation to exclude those whom we do not like or understand. The call for oneness can be distorted into the call for exclusiveness, with a select few deciding who’s in and who’s out, depending on criteria they alone decide.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus reminds the disciples that they are not the sole recipients of spiritual gifts or divine grace. Perhaps remembering the account in Numbers, Jesus gently points out that those who preach, heal, or cast out demons in his name are not doing wrong simply because they are not part of the twelve. They, too, can be part of Christ’s mission. Jesus reminds them (and us) of the catholic (universal) nature of the body of Christ. I think this prepared them for the spread of Christianity.

As Catholics, we’re diverse. Unique. We’re also united to many Christians through our common, Trinitarian baptism. And so we pray for the day that all people will be one in the fullness of Christ’s power and truth. +

Jesus knew the human temptation to exclude those we do not like or understand.

Sunday Readings

Numbers 11:25–29

[Eldad and Medad] had remained in the camp, yet the spirit came to rest on them also.

James 5:1–6

You have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure; you have fattened your hearts for the day of [your own] slaughter.

Mark 9:38–43, 45, 47–48

[Jesus said,] “It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna.”

A Word From Pope Francis

Every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, ...And every elderly person, even if he is ill or at the end of his days, bears the face of Christ. They cannot be discarded, as the “culture of waste” suggests! They cannot be thrown away!

—Address to International Federation of Catholic Medical Associations, September 20, 2013



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

ONE QUESTION REFLECTION

- Do I welcome Catholics from other cultures and traditions, even those very different from my own?
- Do I accept that other Christian denominations can also be part of Christ’s mission?



Being Catholic Matters

By Karen Sue Smith

In the comedy *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*, the main character, a woman named Toula, spends most of the film showing her boyfriend-turned-fiancé what it means to be Greek. The movie producers liked the script but tried to persuade writer Nia Vardalos to change the ethnicity; otherwise, they predicted, it wouldn't sell.

She insisted on being who she was—and the movie was a hit. Her film resonated with viewers across ethnic lines. They understood that being Polish, Hispanic, or Japanese isn't about the language, foods, ways of celebrating, or worshiping. Ethnicity is a self-reflecting pair of glasses through which families see themselves and relate to their neighbors.

Being Catholic is also a self-reflecting lens through which we understand ourselves and interpret our world. For most Catholics, the faith provides a childhood home. For some, it is a home chosen in adulthood.

Being Catholic means developing a set of attitudes so that we *want* to follow Christ, be good, help the needy, correct injustice, pardon sinners. It gives us values that help us discern right from wrong, our life's purpose, whom to marry, and how to raise children. We learn how to worship publicly, how to thank God at home, and how to mark the stages of our lives (in baptism,

Communion, vows). With ritual we anoint our sick and bury our dead.

Universal Language

Being Catholic means sharing beliefs, practices, behaviors, attitudes, and languages with others around the globe.

Understanding how enormous and embracing it is to be Catholic takes us a long way toward seeing how much our faith actually affects us. The reason Toula and her family explain, model, and welcome the non-Greek fiancé into their world is that being Greek is key to his understanding Toula. How else can he know her? And if he doesn't know her, can he truly love her? If ethnicity is this important, how much more important is faith!

Being Catholic doesn't mean, of course, that every Catholic follows every precept without fail, marries only other Catholics or enters every time the church door is open. It does mean that if we vary from the norm (for example, if we marry a Lutheran), we stay connected to the Catholic family.

It should be obvious that passing on the faith is essential for any serious Catholic parent. How else can all these values and practices be instilled? Even if a child later rejects the faith, parents will have given that son or daughter important beliefs and actions, and a community in which to grow.

Passing It On

Can one still be a good person without being Catholic? Certainly. We Catholics don't see ourselves as the only good people in the world! Can one still be a good person without being Greek? What if one *is* Catholic? Can "being Catholic" help me become a better person than I would have been otherwise?

Turn the question around. For a Catholic not to *be* Catholic, not to discover its riches, not to be part of the community, leaves an important set of blanks. Without being Catholic, how do I mark the milestones of my life? How do I anoint my sick loved ones? What community holds me accountable, supports me? How do I teach my children the meaning of their lives?

In his day Jesus knew that few would be silly enough to light a lamp and stick it under a basket. Likewise, today few people would refuse ownership of a home they inherited when they could live there, raise their family there, grow old there, and pass it to their heirs. +

PRAYER

Lord, I am grateful for your all-embracing love. Open my eyes to see you in everyone I meet.

Open my heart to welcome all of your people.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS

October 1–6

Monday, St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus:
Jb 1:6–22 / Lk 9:46–50

Tuesday, Holy Guardian Angels:
Jb 3:1–3, 11–17, 20–23 / Mt 18:1–5, 10

Wednesday, Weekday:
Jb 9:1–12, 14–16 / Lk 9:57–62

Thursday, St. Francis of Assisi:
Jb 19:21–27 / Lk 10:1–12

Friday, Weekday:
Jb 38:1, 12–21; 40:3–5 / Lk 10:13–16

Saturday, Weekday:
Jb 42:1–3, 5–6, 12–17 / Lk 10:17–24