



## MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, October 14, 2018  
Twenty-Eighth 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 In Every Age BB 467

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion Eat This Bread BB 337  
Bread For The World BB 351

Recessional: They'll Know We Are Christians BB 582

10:00 AM

Gathering: Lift Up Your Hearts BB 580

Dismissal Rite: You Have Called Us BB 646

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 63)

*O God, I seek you. My soul thirsts for  
you. Your love is finer than life.*

Preparation Servant Song BB 377  
We Will Rise Again BB 440

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion Our Blessing Cup BB 802  
Be Not Afraid BB 432

Recessional: Blest Be The Lord BB 431

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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!

**COLLECTION AMOUNTS FOR  
OCTOBER 7, 2018  
WILL APPEAR IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN**

Parish Giving is a simple, secure, and convenient way to manage your stewardship without weekly envelopes and without worries. 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

October 14, 2018 Fuel

## HURRICANE FLORENCE

On the weekend of **October 20-21**, our Parish will sponsor a FREE WILL offering at the entrances of the Church for the relief of the people of the Southeast in the wake of Hurricane Florence. All offerings will be sent to US Catholic Charities for immediate use in the affected areas. Catholic Charities USA has set up its website donation page ([www.catholiccharitiesusa.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org)) 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, or mail to 2050 Ballenger Avenue, Suite 400, Alexandria, VA 22314.

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 ✠

### 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](mailto: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 Sanctuary Candle in Holy Angels Church will burn this week in loving memory of

**Paul O'Leary**

by Colleen and Mark Hammond

### VIGIL LIGHT

The Vigil Light in front of the Blessed Mother Icon at Mary, Mother of the Church will burn in loving memory of

**Richard Manasian**

by his children



### **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?***

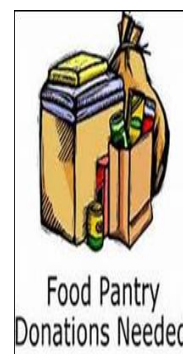
Any contribution is welcome.

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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### ✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

#### Sunday, October 14

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

#### Tuesday, October 16

<b>6:00 PM</b>	Finance Council Meeting	<i>Plaistow</i>
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#### Wednesday, October 17

#### HOLY ANGELS CHURCH

#### OPEN ALL DAY FOR PRAYER

<b>7:00 PM</b>	Relating To Others As Jesus Would	<i>Plaistow</i>
<b>7:00 PM</b>	St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting	<i>Plaistow</i>

#### Thursday, October 18

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

#### Saturday, October 20

<b>3:00 PM</b>	Sacrament of Reconciliation	<i>Plaistow</i>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Italian Festival	<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, October 13 ~ Vigil / 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time

*Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30*

<b>4:00 PM</b>	Paul O’Leary by Mark and Colleen Hammond <i>Plaistow</i>
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#### Sunday, October 14 ~ 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30*

<b>8:00 AM</b>	Richard Manasian (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) by his children <i>Newton</i>
<b>10:00 AM</b>	Martin & Florence Fogel and Frank Kelcourse by Elaine Kelcourse <i>Plaistow</i>

#### Monday, October 15 ~ Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and

#### Doctor of the Church

*Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1; Lk 11:29-32*

<b>8:00 AM</b>	Intentions of Paul Fournier by Dan & Jean Lloyd <i>Newton</i>
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#### Tuesday, October 16 ~ Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin;

#### Hedwig, Religious

*Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41*

<b>8:00 AM</b>	Thomas Verducci (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary) by his family <i>Plaistow</i>
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#### Wednesday, October 17 ~ Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop

#### and Martyr

*Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46*

<b>6:30 PM</b>	Frank Tatarka by his wife, Sonia <i>Plaistow</i>
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#### Thursday, October 18 ~ Luke, Evangelist

*2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9*

<b>8:00 AM</b>	Beryle Eppich by Joanie Musial <i>Newton</i>
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#### Friday, October 19 ~ John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues,

#### Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

*Eph 1:11-14; Lk 12:1-7*

*No Mass*

#### Saturday, October 20 ~ Paul of the Cross, Priest

*Eph 1:15-23; Lk 12:8-12 (Day)*

*Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 (Vigil)*

<b>4:00 PM</b>	Martin Feuer by the Hurley family <i>Plaistow</i>
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#### Sunday, October 21 ~ 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45*

<b>8:00 AM</b>	Patricia J. Santos by Paul Roberts <i>Newton</i>
<b>10:00 AM</b>	In Thanksgiving to St. Michael the Archangel <i>Plaistow</i>

### PRAYER LINE

St. Luke's offers a prayer line as a resource for those seeking prayer assistance. To submit your prayer request please call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 314 or email her at [csmith@stluketheevangelist.net](mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net).

## ✧ FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION ✧

### A LITTLE HISTORY ABOUT CONFIRMATION

Oftentimes after Confirmation some of our young people feel that they have *graduated* from the religious education programs and parish. Their parents have made great efforts to get them confirmed, and then breathe a sigh of relief, "At least we got that done!"

Is that what Confirmation is about? "Something to get done?" Why have Confirmation at all? Does it have anything to do with youth ministry?

In the Western church, when the bishop could not be present for the Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion with new Christians, priests were allowed to Baptize and to preside at the Eucharist in the name of the bishop. But bishops reserved the celebration of Confirmation to themselves in order to give witness to the unity of the church family in the diocese. Thus, people could be baptized in the parish where there was a priest. But Confirmation was delayed until the bishop could be present. Gradually, it was delayed so long that it started to be regarded as a "sacrament of maturity." That is not the original meaning or Confirmation as a Sacrament.

We know that Christian growth is a lifelong transformation through the grace of Christ. The danger we run into when Confirmation is celebrated in the teenage years is that it may be considered as some kind of "graduation" from church involvement. Youth ministry has its own singular importance and place in the church. It should not be used as a preparation for Confirmation. Once youth ministry has been liberated from the burden of Confirmation programming, it can find its own authenticity.

The history of the church's Confirmation practice demonstrates that Confirmation belongs before the Eucharist. We need to find a way to get it back where it belongs.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Council	<a href="mailto:parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net">parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net</a>



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

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Put Christ's love into your relationship by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Marriage Encounter Weekends are **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 <https://wwmem.org/>.

**Attention All Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Altar Servers!**

**Scheduling for  
December 1, 2018 through February 24, 2019**

Please contact Jeanne Sullivan at **382-4760** or [jmsul@myfairpoint.net](mailto:jmsul@myfairpoint.net) by **November 7** and let her know if there are weekends that you will not be available to serve, or at which you would like to serve, from December 1, 2018 through February 24, 2019.

In your emails or phone calls, please include the Mass at which you serve and your ministry.

**Even though all Masses from Christmas Eve through January 1<sup>st</sup> will be scheduled via a sign-up board at Church**, it would help Jeanne if you would let her know at which Masses during that time you would like to serve or for which you would not be available (just in case phone calls need to be made after the sign-ups). **Christmas Masses this year will be on Monday, December 24 at 4:00 PM at Holy Angels Church; 6:30 PM at Mary, Mother of the Church; and on Tuesday, December 25 at 9:00 AM at Mary, Mother of the Church. There is NO Midnight Mass this year.**

Masses for the Feast of Mary, Mother of God will be on **Monday, December 31 at 6:30 PM at Holy Angels and Tuesday January 1 at 9:00 AM at Mary, Mother of the Church.**

Your help is greatly appreciated. God bless you all for the wonderful work you do for St. Luke's.

**CRAFT TABLES AVAILABLE**

**St. Thomas, Derry, NH**

St. Thomas Parish in Derry, NH is having its Annual Craft Fair on **Saturday, November 17** from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. They still have tables available for crafters! If you would like to reserve a spot at their Fair, call 432-5000.

**Remember – St. Luke the Evangelist's Christmas Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, November 10 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. You don't want to miss it!**



**ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH 11<sup>TH</sup> 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 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](mailto:stlukenhfair@gmail.com) or leave a message for Julie Lamere at the Parish Office: 603-382-8324. Thank you!

**DAVID HAAS AND LORI TRUE  
CONCERT AND WORKSHOP**

**St. Rose of Lima Church, 12 Park St., Topsfield, MA**

**Saturday, October 27, 2018**

**Workshop: ~ 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM - \$30 includes lunch**

**Concert: ~ 7:00 PM - \$20, reception follows concert**

**A PERFECT GIFT**

***Read the full version at [usccb.org/perfect-gift](http://usccb.org/perfect-gift).***

Soon after the birth of my son Charlie,\* who has Down syndrome, a visitor asked whether he was "mild, moderate, or severe"—referring to his level of cognitive impairment. I was shocked. In my arms I held my beautiful baby boy, who defied easy categorization.

It's like looking at stained glass from the outside: the colors look dark, and you can't see the figures. But inside, with the sun shining through, the effect can be brilliant.

From inside our family, love illuminates our life with Charlie. What may seem dreary to others, perhaps even unbearable, is actually filled with beauty and color. Our love has nothing to do with his abilities. We love him simply because of who he is, and understanding this teaches us a fundamental truth: every life is a good and perfect gift.


\*Name changed for privacy. This is a summary of a USCCB Respect Life Program article by the same name and is reprinted with permission.

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# KEEPING FAITH

## Why do I raise my children in this broken, hurting church?

By Kerry Weber



I dragged my kids to 8 a.m. Mass on the feast of the Assumption. It was one of those days where the “obligation” part of the Holy Day felt particularly heavy. There is a small parish within a short walking distance of our home, but we are still adjusting to the logistics of leaving the house with two kids, so my husband, our 3-month-old, our 2-year-old and I managed to roll our stroller quietly to the back pew of the church around the time the first reading started. I pointed out the pictures in the stained glass of Jesus and Mary and Joseph to my son, who snacked on Cheerios while my husband juggled my daughter on his shoulder, slowly becoming drenched in drool.

We make the effort, however imperfectly, because I want my son and daughter to know that our faith is important, because I want them to choose to live it themselves one day, because I believe it is good. And my belief in the good at the heart of our faith is why I have tried hard to contribute to the institution, too: to find community in our parish, to spend hours researching local Catholic schools, saving to pay for them, budgeting to make donations to the church and to Catholic charities.

And then I came home from Mass, and while the kids napped beside me, I started reading the grand jury report of

sexual abuse in several dioceses of Pennsylvania. I could only get through a few pages before feeling physically ill and being filled with a sense of disgust and anger and betrayal that I know is only a fraction of what the abuse victims and their families must have felt for so long.

I was confirmed by and was handed my high school diploma by the first U.S. bishop indicted on child sex abuse charges, so there was never any doubt in my mind that the abuse and its cover-up reached high into the church hierarchy. But I had allowed myself, perhaps naïvely, to think that the majority of the cases of abuse had been found out, that the policies and procedures put in place would help prevent new ones and that we knew about most of the men who had covered it up, though few of them have faced consequences.

The revelations of the grand jury report indicate otherwise, and I have found myself for the first time truly afraid of what it means to ask and to allow my children to be part of the church. Can I trust that they will be safe as altar servers or students or just going to Mass? And what I would say if my children were to one day ask me, why? Why in the face of such systemic horrors committed by the people supposedly leading the church did we stumble down the street to Mass each week?



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The priest who baptized my son two years ago had asked my husband and me to do an exercise in preparation for the ceremony that got me thinking about the answer to this question before I had asked it. Write a letter to your son, he said, and tell him what you hope for him in the faith. We did, and we read the letter at his baptism, and recently did the same for my daughter. I have found myself going back to it over these last few weeks, hoping to find some sustenance for my own faith life as well. In reading it, I saw that so much of my hope for my children and myself and our place in the church rested on the belief that, in the process of becoming holy, they might help to make the church holier, too.

The letter, adapted slightly here, reads as follows:

We hope that your faith inspires you to be just, loving, humble and merciful. We hope that your faith inspires you to encourage the church to be more just, more loving, more humble and more merciful.

We hope you find community here, people who will support you, love you, challenge you. We hope that your faith community inspires you to reach out to the larger community—to love others, to challenge them and support them. We hope that your faith inspires you to care for those in need, to be like the shepherd who smells like the sheep, to perform the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, to be mercy for others.

We hope that when the world makes it difficult to live out your faith, you find the strength to persevere. We hope that you find strength in the Eucharist, in the real presence at Mass and in the people of God.

We hope that you are inspired by the lives of the holy men and women in heaven and the holy men and women around you now. We hope that you read and learn about your faith, drawing on the wisdom of those who have helped to shape our church. But even more, we hope that you use this knowledge to live your faith—that your life gives witness to the joy of the Gospel.

We hope that you love God with all your heart but that you also know that it is O.K. to be angry at God sometimes, that it may seem God is silent at times but that you are never alone and that God loves you right through it all. That we love you right through it all.

We hope that your faith inspires you to be forgiving, to let go of grudges and malice. And we hope that your faith inspires you to ask for forgiveness when you are in need of it.

We hope that your faith brings you great joy and that you share that joy with others.

We hope that you see this journey of faith as an adventure, that you know that none of us live it perfectly but that we simply try to do it sincerely and with great hope. We hope that you take time to be grateful for this life with the knowledge that this world, as beautiful and glorious and heartbreaking as it is, is not all that there is.

In a broken and hurting church, it is good to remember that the church as an institution is not why we are here or what we are here for. Yet we are responsible for it, and that means holding it accountable and working to make it more truly reflect the kingdom of God. The grand jury report is one painful step toward doing just that.

The Gospel at Mass that morning included a reading of the Magnificat, Mary's powerful prayer of praise. The priest's homily in response was unconventional and brief. He stood and simply said, "Every year, when the Magnificat is read, I just think, What more could I add?" and then he sat down. Indeed, Mary's prayer both challenges and comforts, disturbs and offers some consolation and hope, hope in a God who "has scattered the proud in their conceit...has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly"—a God who will do so again.

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Kerry Weber is an executive editor of *America*.



# St. Luke the Evangelist Christmas Craft Fair

You can be a big help by donating some of these things!

## Silent Auction

Donations of these items are needed:

- Gift certificates/gift cards worth \$25+/ tickets to vacation spots/resorts, e.g. Waterville Valley, or spas, or family adventure venues
- Collectible items, or a set of collectibles
- Antiques or items now considered kitsch
- Sports memorabilia &/or tickets for a New Hampshire or New England sports team
- Tickets to concerts or other entertainment – for adults, children or families
- One or more any value scratch Lottery ticket for the Lottery Jar (expiration dates, if any, should be after November 10!)
- OR ... ask people &/or businesses who could donate these type of items

**Please...no “yard sale” items. Only new or as-new will be accepted.**

## Penny Sale

All kinds of NEW items are needed for all ages – men & women – boys & girls

- Gift certificates from restaurants, hair salons, auto service centers, gardening centers, etc. up to \$24.00 value
- Visit your favorite establishments to ask for a donation
- Donate any NEW un-used gifts you'd like to re-gift

*Please see the reverse side for more ideas on how you can make our Christmas Craft Fair a huge success!*

For further information send a message to [stlukenhfair@gmail.com](mailto:stlukenhfair@gmail.com), or leave a message for Julie Lamere at the Parish Office: 603-382-8324. *Thank you!*

## Country & Thrift Store

If you knit or crochet:

- Sweaters of all sizes needed (baby to adult)
- Afghans of all sizes needed (lap robes to king size)
- Scarves, hats, mittens (men & women, boys & girls) &/or pot holders & trivets

If you sew:

- American Girl style doll clothes
- Placemats, napkins, table runners (seasonal)

If you can or make preserves:

- Canned vegetables, fruits, applesauce
- Jam, jelly, preserves of any kind
- Pickles, relish, chutney

If you bake:

- Breads, pies, cupcakes, cake pops — anything except cookies

New & As New Items Needed:

- Christmas decorations – wreaths, table decor, etc.
- Popular books, CDs, DVDs
- Kitchen wares
- Wood-worked items
- Toys & Games (if no missing or broken pieces)

New Items Needed:

- “As Seen on TV” – anything & everything
- Grab bags of pleasant surprises (no cookies)

***Please bring all non-perishable donations to church on 11/3 or 11/4***

***Please bring all perishable items, Theme Baskets & Wine Raffle donations to the parish center on 11/9 from 3pm to 8pm***





# St. Luke the Evangelist Christmas Craft Fair

You can be a big help by donating some of these things!

## Children's Corner

Lollipop Game needs:

- A wide variety of new small & medium -sized prizes (toys &/or games for boys & girls)
- 1 or 2 larger new prizes
- Lots & lots & lots of Tootsie Roll Pops (only Tootsie Roll Pops don't fall through the board game holes)

Sugar Cookie Decorating needs:

- Cookie decorations: mini-M&Ms, jimmies, sprinkles, mini-chocolate chips, etc.
- Tubs of ready-to-use spreadable chocolate & vanilla frosting
- Red, green & white tube frosting

## St. Luke Café

Donate ingredients for American Chop Suey & other delicious food & beverages.

Please watch the for sign-up sheets in October!

## Cookie Heaven

Bake dozens and dozens of delicious cookies. Gluten-free, nut-free and/or sugar-free very welcome; please label clearly!

Watch for the *Cookie Angel's* appearance!

Cookies may be brought to the parish center on Friday 11/9 3 pm—8 pm.

## St. Luke's Own Jewelry Table

Time to clean out those jewelry boxes and drawers for new or as new goodies!

Bring in all the things in good condition you don't wear anymore: earrings, pins, rings, necklaces, bracelets, cuff links, tie pins, chains, watches, etc.!

New stock is needed for our table, please.

## Wine Raffle

Someone's going to win a lot of wine and wine accessories!

Donate a bottle or two of red, white or sparkling wine—all kinds of wine! (No hard liquor, please.)

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## Theme Baskets

Make a wrapped, ready-to-raffle basket with a theme. Get creative!

Here are some ideas: chocolate, golfers, indoor and outdoor gardening, fishermen, movie night, games, books, Christmas theme/decorations, girls, boys, music, Thanksgiving theme/decorations, babies, pets, faith formation/reflection, knitting, crocheting, quilting, scrapbooking, children's creative arts, all kinds of cooking and food: grilling, baking, international!

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# The Gospel for All Ages

Family Catechesis

**Gospel Weeklies**  
Pflaum  
FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time • October 14, 2018 • Jesus and the Rich Man**

**Sunday Readings:** Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30

## Weekly Discussion Questions

### For the Parish Bulletin

**Life Question:** In what ways do you invest your life energies and financial resources in people who are poor?

**Gospel Question:** What relationship does Jesus envision between people who are rich and people who are poor?

### LIFE AND GOSPEL QUESTIONS BY AGE LEVEL

#### Exploring the Sunday Readings (Adults)

When has the impossible proven possible in your life?

Visit [exploringthesundayreadings.com](http://exploringthesundayreadings.com)

#### Visions (Grades 7-8)

**Life Question:** Where does your money go?

**Gospel Question:** Why does the rich man walk away from Jesus?

#### Venture (Grades 4-6)

**Life Question:** What are ways you can serve others in your neighborhood or town?

**Gospel Question:** Why might rich people have a hard time being Jesus' disciples?

#### Good News (Grades 2-3)

**Life Question:** What treasures do you share with others?

**Gospel Question:** What does the rich man want to learn from Jesus?

#### Promise (Grades K-1)

**Life Question:** What are some things you share with others?

**Gospel Question:** What does Jesus teach us about sharing?

#### Seeds (Preschool)

**Life Question:** How do you show respect?

**Gospel Question:** Why does Jesus want us to be happy?

## Family Corner

### About the Gospel

The rich man in Sunday's Gospel wants to follow Jesus, but, when Jesus tells him he must give up all he owns, he feels sad. It is hard to give up the things we have. Jesus doesn't want us to hold too tightly to things of the world, but rather to desire Heaven.

Visit [www.usccb.org/bible/readings](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings) to read this Sunday's Scripture.

### In Church

Bring some money to put in the collection basket.

### Question of the Week

What things do you hold onto that might keep you from following Jesus?



### Family Prayer

Help us, Jesus, to follow you no matter what we must leave behind.

## Rincón de la Familia

### Acerca del Evangelio

El joven del Evangelio del domingo quiere seguir a Jesús, pero cuando Jesús le dice que debe renunciar a todo lo que posee, se siente triste. Es difícil renunciar a las cosas que tenemos. Jesús no quiere que nos apeguemos demasiado a las cosas del mundo, sino que deseemos el Cielo.

Visiten [www.usccb.org/bible/lecturas](http://www.usccb.org/bible/lecturas) para ver las lecturas de este domingo.

### En la Iglesia

Lleven algo de dinero para poner en la canasta de recolecta.

### Pregunta de la semana

¿A qué cosas te aferras que podrían impedirte seguir a Jesús?



### Oración en familia

Ayúdanos, Jesús, a seguirte sin importar lo que debamos dejar atrás.



## ✠ PARISH MINISTRIES & INFORMATION ✠

### JOIN THE CHOIR!

Why not join the Choir? We have lots of fun, work hard, and singing is a great way to worship! You don't have to know how to read music to join – come on down!

### CONTEMPORARY CHOIR

The Contemporary Choir is always looking for new members. If you would like to sing with us or you can play an instrument, we would be overjoyed to have you join us! All ages and abilities are invited.

### ALTAR SERVERS

We welcome any student who has celebrated their First Eucharist to become an **Altar Server**. Training typically begins with the new server being an "observer" until they are ready to function as servers. Parents – see Fr. Albert or call the Parish Office for more information at 382-8324.



### READERS WANTED

Our Parish community is in need of new **READERS** for weekend and weekday Liturgies. Readers proclaim the readings and lead the Assembly in the General Intercessions on Sundays. A good heart and clear speaking voice are the only qualifications needed – all other training and materials are provided. Any adult or high school age student is welcome to become a **READER**. Anyone who is interested can see Father Albert. Prospective **READERS** can also call the Parish Office for more information at 382-8324.

### GREETERS AND USHERS WANTED

Our Parish community is in need of **GREETERS** and **USHERS** to assist us at the weekend liturgies. **Greeters** are principally concerned with offering a welcome to all who come through the doors of our churches, distributing the weekly Bulletin and making guests feel part of our Parish. They also help designate people to bring up the gifts during the offertory. The ministry of **Usher** is also concerned with hospitality; helping with the collections at Mass, helping people who need handicap access to the church in Plaistow, and helping to designate people to bring up the gifts during the offertory. Couples or families are invited to serve together! Anyone who is interested can see Father Albert. Prospective **GREETERS** and **USHERS** can also call the Parish Office for more information at 382-8324.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

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, 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.

### HOSPITAL VISITATION

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

### PRAYER LINE

St. Luke's offers a prayer line as a resource for those seeking prayer assistance. Submit your prayer request to [csmith@stluketheevangelist.net](mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net) or call 382-8324, ext. 314.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST JUDE COUNCIL #6617 SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

The St. Jude Council is a vital part of your parish. We are a Catholic men's fraternal organization whose main purposes are charitable works and supporting our parish and community. We are involved with many activities during the year, including: A yearly Golf Tournament to raise money to help local families in need; Blood Drives; A Wedding Vows/Valentine's Day Meal & Dance; Food Baskets; Family Pool Party & BBQ. This is just a small sampling of the many activities of the St. Jude Council. We offer opportunities not just for the men, but for our members' entire family, including a Squires Club for young men between the ages of 10 and 18. The only requirement for membership is that you are a practicing Catholic who wants to join other men and their families of the parish to help those who are in need, support your parish, and enjoy the fellowship of other members and their families. If you would like to find out more about the Knights, please contact Bernie Gosselin at 603-642-4012.



# Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time | October 14, 2018

## Jesus Expects More Than the Minimum

By Mary Katharine Deeley

Commonly in recent years, large corporations whose business practices are questioned have replied, “Everything we have done is legal.” I have always been uncomfortable with that because it implies that those in charge will not do anything more than they have to in order to stay within the law. The minimum standard becomes the maximum standard. In our hearts and minds, though, we know that the common good is best served

when people do more than they must. While doing the minimum required is everyone’s job, we expect more of those who are in positions of leadership. We expect more of our best and brightest. And Jesus expects more of those who follow him.

The young man who comes to Jesus is both secure and comfortable in doing what is required. Jesus agrees that he has done the minimum. But the young man himself knew there was more he could do. His intelligence, curiosity, and deep reflection told him that obeying the law was not enough. When he persisted in his question, Jesus called him to more. In the same breath, Jesus challenges all of us to find what more we can do. We might obey the Ten Commandments, attend Mass every Sunday, and not offend anyone. But do we: care for those who have less, support the Church, and follow Jesus even when it’s difficult? Are we willing to sacrifice our possessions and our lives, if necessary, for his sake? Is there more you can do today to reflect Christ to the world? +

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who are in positions  
of leadership.***

## A Word from Pope Francis

A person once asked me, in a provocative manner, if I approved of homosexuality. I replied with another question: “Tell me: When God looks at a gay person, does he endorse the existence of this person with love, or reject and condemn this person?” We must always consider the person.

—Interview with *America* magazine,  
September 30, 2013



## Sunday Readings

### Wisdom 7:7–11

I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.

### Hebrews 4:12–13

Everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must render an account.

### Mark 10:17–30 or Mark 10:17–27

[Jesus said,] “Go, sell what you have, and give to [the] poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Jesus calls us to do more. Will we answer his call?
- God sees all that we do. Are we comfortable owning up to our actions?





# Is There a Place for Change in the Church?

By Michael D. Guinan, OFM

As a young priest, right after the Second Vatican Council, I remember a man approaching me after Mass, shaking with anger. “There are too many changes!” he said. “They’ve taken the ‘Amen’ away from the Our Father! Now they’ve gone too far!”

His reaction was a little extreme, but it points to a problem. Over the last fifty years or so, the question of change in the Church has been one of the most divisive of issues. For some “conservative” Catholics, there has been too much change; for some “progressives,” not nearly enough. So is there a place for change in the Church?

First, some facts: Even a quick survey of Catholic Church history shows that whether we’re speaking of organization, liturgy, or doctrine—the Church has indeed changed. Yet our core faith remains constant. The Creed we recite at Mass goes back to the early Christian centuries and is firmly rooted in the New Testament. Our understanding of it, however, has grown and developed through different times, cultures, and questions.

Instead of asking, “Should the Church change?” perhaps we should ask, “Where did we ever get the idea that it doesn’t or shouldn’t?”

## A Healthy Body

An analogy may help. In the New

Testament, faced with the divisive issues of the Church in Corinth, Paul compared the Church to a body with different parts. Today, in light of our divisive issues, we might extend his comparison. A human body must constantly take in new things: air, food, and water. This is essential for health and growth. However, not everything we take in is healthy; at times we pick up germs and viruses. The body has an immune system to warn us when things are going wrong and to help sort out what’s harmful.

We can apply this idea to the progressive and conservative functions within the Church. To be healthy, the Church takes in new ideas, challenges, and experiences: It must be “progressive.” However, not all that comes in is good, so it also has a “conservative” dimension to help sort out the unhealthy elements.

The immune system, however, can have problems. On the one hand, it can be weak (after cancer) or nonexistent (as with AIDS). In this case, anything that comes along can become a major problem and may be fatal. Conversely, the immune system itself may malfunction (the so-called autoimmune diseases such as arthritis or lupus). In such cases, the immune system believes the body is sick and begins to devour the body itself. This, too, can be painful and potentially fatal.

Radical Christianity on the far left would represent the broken-down immune system; it’s not balanced by healthy conservatism. Fundamental Christianity on the far right would represent a diseased immune system; it’s not balanced by healthy progressivism. Both extremes can be very destructive.

## Looking for Balance

A balance of progressive and conservative dimensions is basic and fundamental to the life of the body of Christ, the Church. But radical Christianity is not healthy progressivism, nor is fundamentalist Christianity healthy conservatism.

We all have a basic identity that lasts throughout our lives. Each of us also constantly changes. The same is true of the Church. It has its underlying, constant identity, but it also undergoes change.

We have an English word for living entities that don’t change—*dead*. As the saying goes, to live is to change. We believe the Church is the living body of Christ in the world. +

## PRAYER

Lord, I’m grateful for your gentle reminders of what’s important in life. Help me let go of anything that blocks the flow of love from my heart to the hearts of my sisters and brothers.

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

## WEEKDAY READINGS

October 15-20

Monday, St. Teresa of Jesus:  
Gal 4:22–24, 26–27, 31—5:1 / Lk 11:29–32

Tuesday, Weekday:  
Gal 5:1–6 / Lk 11:37–41

Wednesday, St. Ignatius of Antioch:  
Gal 5:18–25 / Lk 11:42–46

Thursday, St. Luke, Evangelist:  
2 Tm 4:10–17b / Lk 10:1–9

Friday, Sts. John de Brébeuf,  
Isaac Jogues, and Companions:  
Eph 1:11–14 / Lk 12:1–7

Saturday, Weekday:  
Eph 1:15–23 / Lk 12:8–12