



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, October 28, 2018
Thirtieth Sunday In
Ordinary Time

4:00 PM
8:00 AM

Gathering: All Are Welcome BB 415

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 103)

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

Preparation Ubi Caritas BB 480

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion Unless A Grain Of Wheat BB 507
The Supper Of The Lord BB 354

Recessional: For The Fruits Of This Creation BB 421

10:00 AM

Gathering: Sing Of The Lord's Goodness BB 561

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 We Walk By Faith BB 497
Seek Ye First BB 436

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion I Have Loved You BB 603
Only This I Want BB 499

Recessional: Sing To The Mountains BB 531

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!

October 21, 2018

Offertory	\$5,933.11
World Missions	\$1,418.00
Hurricane Relief	\$909.00

PARISH GIVING

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish has engaged Parish Giving to provide parishioners with an opportunity to make your offertory and other contributions through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Parish Giving is a simple, secure, and convenient way to manage your stewardship without weekly envelopes and without worries. It allows you to select contribution amounts and special collections right from your own computer or smart phone. You can be a good steward for the Parish even when you are away from the area on a weekend. Parish Giving allows you to print out a report detailing your contributions for the year. This program is available to parishioners at no cost. Log on to the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish website at <http://stlukenh.org>, click on the Parish Giving logo, and follow the easy registration instructions.

UPCOMING SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

October 28, 2018	No Second Collection
November 1, 2018	All Saints Day
November 4, 2018	Property Management
November 11, 2018	Campaign/Human Develop.

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 ✠

TAI CHI

Tai Chi is the ancient Chinese martial art that is used for meditation, exercise, balance, and mind and body wellness. St. Luke the Evangelist Parish is offering this form of graceful, slow movement to help parishioners to gain strength, to improve their balance, flexibility, and range-of-motion, and to relieve stress. Classes will be taught by members of the Oriental Healing Arts Association – a Senior Friendly and Senior Safe Tai Chi Program with the purpose of bringing Tai Chi to all age groups. Classes will be on **Mondays at 9:00 AM** and **Thursdays at 3:00 PM** in the Plaistow Church Hall. If there is enough interest, an evening class can be added on either a Monday or Thursday evening at 6:30 PM. The cost is \$5.00 per class, and for seniors on a fixed income, the cost will be \$3.00 per class. **Classes will begin on Monday, November 5.** Call the Parish Office (382-8324) to sign up for classes.

ALL SAINTS DAY MASS SCHEDULE



The Church celebrates all God's holy ones on November 1, a Holy Day of Obligation. All Saints Day Liturgies:

Wednesday, October 31 at 6:30 PM in Plaistow;

Thursday, November 1 at 8:00 AM in Newton

ALL SOULS DAY

We will remember all of our loved ones who have died at a Mass of Remembrance on **Friday, November 2 at 6:30 PM in Plaistow.** All are invited to attend.



THE BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

Throughout November, a special *Book of the Names of the Dead* will be opened near the Baptismal Font & Paschal Candle for parishioners to record the names of the faithful departed. It is a visible sign that the faithful departed remain with us as part of the Church. You are welcome to record names of loved ones and the dates of their death.



THE AND CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH

Thanks to your generosity, our roof replacement project in Plaistow is complete!

Our Parish community continues with our Capital Campaign to paint the exterior and interior of the church and house in Newton, improve electrical work in the Newton church, and work on parking lots in Plaistow and Newton. Our three-year goal is to raise \$250,000.00.

How can you help?

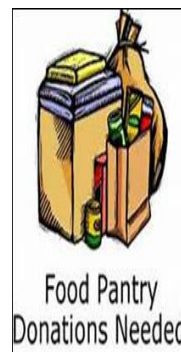
Any contribution is welcome.

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.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Sunday, October 28

10:00 AM Religious Ed – Pre-K to 8 *Plaistow*
12:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council Meeting *Plaistow*

Wednesday, October 31 **HOLY ANGELS CHURCH** OPEN ALL DAY FOR PRAYER

Thursday, November 1

8:30 AM Adoration Begins *Newton*
9:00 AM Intercessory Prayer *Plaistow*
10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting *Plaistow*
8:30 PM Adoration Ends *Newton*

Saturday, November 3

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

Sunday, November 4

10:00 AM Religious Ed – Pre-K to 8 *Plaistow*
10:00 AM Grade 2 Reconciliation Meeting for Parents and Students *Plaistow*

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of the Veterans Day holiday, the Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, November 12**. The Office will reopen at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, November 13.



Find us on:
facebook

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, November 21 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 27 ~ Vigil / 30th Sunday in Ord. Time

Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

4:00 PM Kevin Gallant (Birthday Remembrance)
by Patricia Gallant and family
Plaistow

Sunday, October 28 ~ 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

8:00 AM Ronald Metcalf by Jim and Mary Anne Downs
Newton
10:00 AM John Delle Chiaie by Barbara Lawrence
Plaistow

Monday, October 29 ~ Weekday

Eph 4:32—5:8; Lk 13:10-17

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

Tuesday, October 30 ~ Weekday

Eph 5:21-33; Lk 13:18-21

8:00 AM Joseph Fitzpatrick (Wedding Remembrance)
by his wife, Kay
Plaistow

Wednesday, October 31 ~ Weekday

Eph 6:1-9; Lk 13:22-30 (Day)

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a (Vigil)

6:30 PM Ron Metcalf by Joseph and Ann Marie Sheehan
Plaistow

Thursday, November 1 ~ All Saints

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

8:00 AM People of the Parish
Newton

Friday, November 2 ~ All Souls

Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40

6:30 PM All Souls
Plaistow

Saturday, November 3 ~ Martin de Porres, Religious

Phil 1:18b-26; Lk 14:1, 7-11 (Day)

Dt 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Philip Consentino by the Hurley family
Plaistow

Sunday, November 4 ~ 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

8:00 AM Francine Bettencourt by Janice Bettencourt
Newton
10:00 AM Angela Iannalfo (1st Anniversary)
by the Parish
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 ✠

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

RCIA

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

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

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

ADORATION

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

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

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

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

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

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 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 1st 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.

PARENTS BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION

The monthly preparation session for infant Baptism will be held after the 10:00 AM Liturgy on **Sunday, December 2, 2018** in the Parish Office living room. All parents planning to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism are welcome. Families wishing to celebrate Baptism in the Church must be registered (according to Church Canon Law) and practicing (attending Sunday Mass) for 3 full months before a Baptism can be scheduled. Sponsors must be at least 16, fully initiated (having received Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation), and be practicing Catholics living Christian lives consistent with the Church's teaching. Please see Fr. Albert with questions.

✠ PARISH DIRECTORY ✠

Parish Office	382-8324
Parish Prayer Line	382-8324 x 314
St. Vincent de Paul Society	382-8324 x 315
St. Luke's Food Pantry	819-4949
Preschool	382-9783
Presentation of Mary Convent	382-2744

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✱ Parish News ~ Youth News ~ Around The Diocese ✱



DON'T FORGET....
Turn your clocks back one hour
before going to bed on
Saturday, November 3!

THE GRACE IN AGING:
GROWING OLDER, GROWING CLOSER
Our Lady of Hope House of Prayer
November 16-18, 2018

As we age, we don't always make this sacred connection: Growing older in body involves growing closer to God in loving relationship. As a profound experience of grace, the aging process is much more than a time of transition; it is also an opportunity for holy transformation. Even if it hasn't felt like it at times, God has been a constant companion on our life's journey. You are invited to uncover our relationship with God on this phase of the journey. The grace of God's love will unfold for all of us in shared experiences of contemplative prayer, group reflection, guided meditation, and song. To register, or for more information, contact Sisters Rita Pay or Suzanne Rivard, p.m. at 603-878-2346 or olhope1@yahoo.com. **Registration deadline is November 2, 2018.**

MOONLIGHT GALA
November 3, 2018 from 6:00 to 10:00 PM
The Oaks Grandview Ballroom

You are invited to an awesome night of Dinner, Dancing, Silent Auction, and Fireworks to benefit Lydia's House Of Hope, a transitional housing program for homeless women and children in crisis. Buy tickets online at www.lydiashousenh.org or call 603-692-3100.

ABBY JOHNSON

Former Planned Parenthood Director, now Pro-Life Witness, Abby Johnson, will be telling her incredible conversion story on **November 3, 2018** at St. William Church in Tewksbury, MA. The event starts at 5:30 PM. For tickets, go to www.catholicquest.org. For more information, contact catholicquest@gmail.com.

HURRICANE RELIEF

Catholic Charities USA has set up its website donation page (www.catholiccharitiesusa.org) and text-to-give platform to help individuals and families impacted by the hurricanes. As it did in response to last year's storms, 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. Checks can be made out to *Saint Luke Parish – Hurricane* or to *Catholic Charities of the USA*.



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 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!

ST. LUKE'S CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR!

Saturday, November 10 ~ 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Thousands of one-of-a-kind gifts from 20+ vendors of high-quality hand-crafted & hand-made items, \$1,000 Cash Raffle, Wine Raffle, Penny Sale, Theme Basket Raffle, Quilt Raffle, Country & Thrift Store, Silent Auction, Jewelry and our very famous Cookie Heaven. Something for every budget. Breakfast and lunch available—eat in or take out. Refreshments, live entertainment and children's activities all day. Take-your-own Photos with Santa Claus 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. **Plenty of free parking! No admission fee! Indoors—rain or shine.** (NOT handicap accessible)

CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Learn what Central Catholic High School can do to help students be successful. During its Open House on **Sunday, October 28 from 12:30 to 2:30 PM**, you'll be able to tour the campus, meet with faculty, students, coaches, advisors, and campus ministers and learn why its students excel academically, athletically, spiritually, and personally. For more information, go to www.centralcatholic.net.

SAINT JUDE PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday, November 3, 2018

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Gifts for children, adults, pets ~ wreaths and gift baskets ~ cookie walk ~ 50 item raffle table ~ table linens and food gifts ~ quilt raffle (queen size) ~ "Chained Lightning" ~ 50/50 raffle ~ white elephant room

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



Get Set!

Only two short weeks to our fabulous Parish Christmas Craft Fair!

Time to promote the Fair – for free.

Word of mouth is the most effective way to promote our Fair – please invite your friends, family, co-workers, neighbors, etc., to our wonderful Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday, November 10, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at St. Luke's Parish Center, 8 Atkinson Depot Road, Plaistow, NH.

Be sure to pick up a Yard Sign or two as you leave church today & then find a highly visible place for them as soon as possible. Yard signs are the second most effective way to promote our Fair.

Take a window banner or two to put inside your vehicle's windows &/or give one to someone who doesn't know about the Fair yet. Window banners are the third most effective way to promote our Fair. *Thank you for your help!*

Time to gather your donations.

All non-perishable donations for the...

Silent Auction – Penny Sale – Country Store – Jewelry – Children's Corner should be brought to church – in Newton &/or Plaistow – next weekend: Saturday **November 3** & Sunday **November 4**.

Time to sell & buy your raffle tickets.

Cash Raffle: 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5. Quilt Raffle: 1 for \$3 or 4 for \$10.

This is the last weekend for you to take some **cash raffle** tickets to sell to friends, family, co-workers, neighbors, etc. Don't forget to buy some for yourself, too!

While you're at it, please be sure to check out the very beautiful quilt made by Barbara Lawrence &, perhaps, buy some raffle tickets to win it!

St. Luke's Café

Marie Farren & Rudy Ferrandi are once again preparing a feast of goodies for all to enjoy during the Fair.

Please check out items that are needed to make the feast a reality & sign-up for one or two items you could donate. Non-perishable items may be brought next weekend (11/3 & 11/40). **Please be sure to label them "Craft Fair,"** so they aren't confused with contributions to the Food Pantry. *Thank you for your help!*

Donation Reminders:

Silent Auction:

Collectible items – antiques & 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 – gift cards/certificates worth \$25 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

Penny Sale:

Gift certificates from all types of businesses & organizations worth up to \$24.99 – new items for men, women, boys & girls— as new un-used re-gifted items

OR ... ask people &/or businesses who could donate these type of items

Country Store:

Hand-made knitted & crocheted items; home-made jams, jellies, pickles, etc.

New “As Seen On TV” items

Jewelry:

Time to clean out that jewelry box or drawer – new or as new in good condition earrings, pins, rings, necklaces, bracelets, cuff links, tie pins, chains, watches, etc. – women’s, men’s & children’s jewelry of all kinds

Children’s Corner:

Lollipop Game: Tootsie Roll Pops, new small & medium-sized prizes – toys &/or games – suitable for boys & girls

Cookie Decorating: Small packets of any mini-sized candy, chocolate chips, anything suitable to sprinkle on the top of frosted sugar cookies – Tubs of ready-to-use spreadable chocolate or vanilla frosting – Red, green, white, etc. tube frosting to spell out names, etc.

Dates to remember:

Donations for the **Wine Raffle, Cookie Heaven, Theme Baskets & baked goods for the Country Store** should be brought to the Parish Center on **Friday, November 9**, between 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

All **unsold Cash Raffle Tickets** should be brought back to church next weekend, **November 3 & 4**.

All **Cash Raffle Ticket stubs & payment** need to be turned in by Noon on **Thursday, November 8** to the Parish Office, OR brought to the Parish Center by Noon on **Saturday November 10**.

Hall set-up on November 8, 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm (sign up for specific tasks)

Hall decorating & Café set-up on November 8, 4:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Fair break-down on November 10, 3:30 pm until done

Winners pick-up prizes at RE Office, Sunday November 11, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Have fun & help at the Fair November 10

If you have any questions or suggestions for our Fair, please send a message to Julie Lamere at stlukenhfair@gmail.com or contact the Parish Office: 603-382-8324.



Maybe

it's time

To re-connect with your Church

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

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

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

Sessions begin
soon!

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

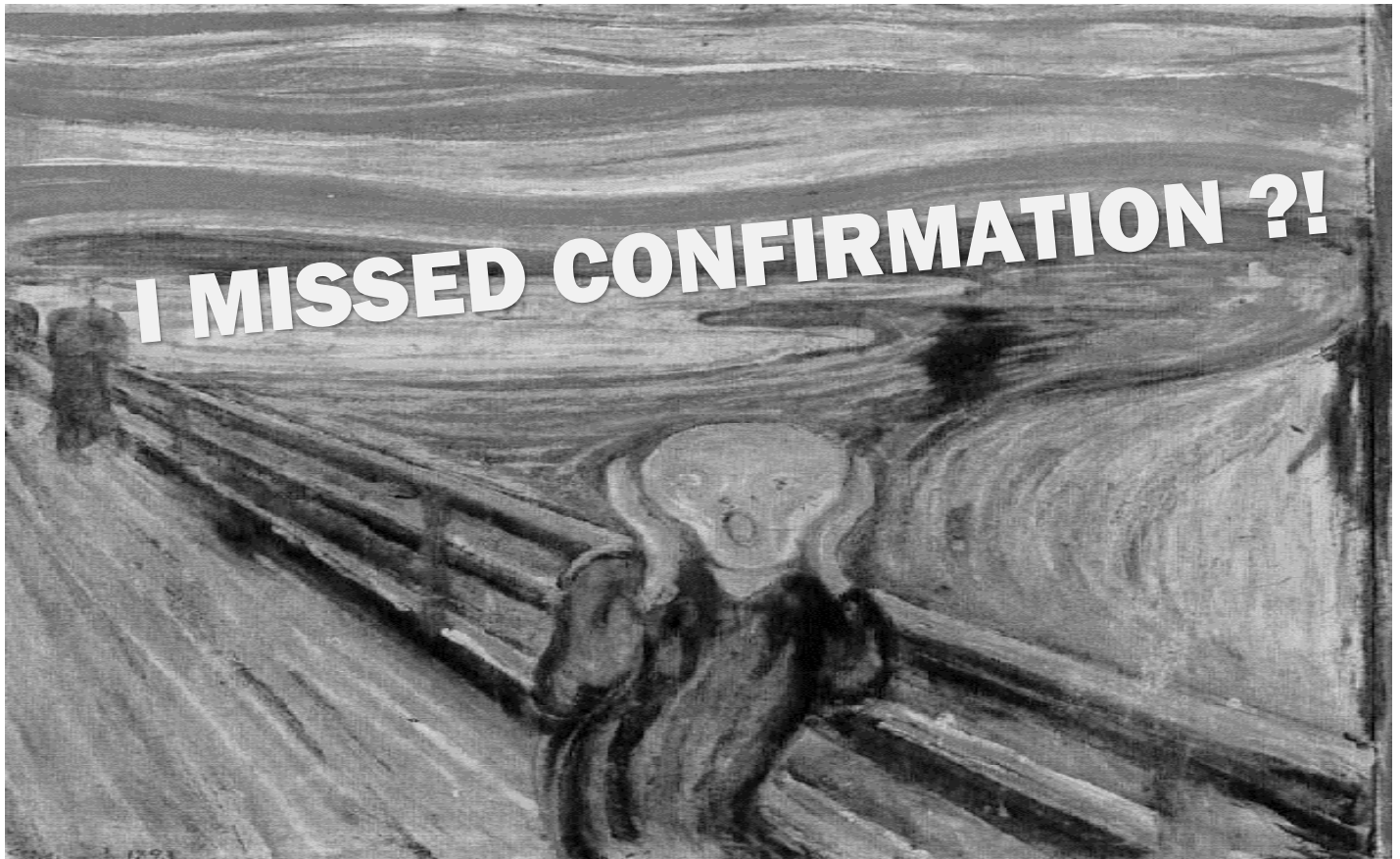
So maybe -- just maybe -- now...it's time....to make your own choice.

Confirmation.

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

Maybe it's your time.

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



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

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

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

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

The Gospel for All Ages

Family Catechesis

Gospel Weeklies
Pflaum
FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time • October 28, 2018 • Jesus Cures the Blind Man

Sunday Readings: Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52

Weekly Discussion Questions

For the Parish Bulletin

Life Question: In what are you groping your way, looking for insight?

Gospel Question: What power does faith have in directing your life?

LIFE AND GOSPEL QUESTIONS BY AGE LEVEL

Exploring the Sunday Readings (Adults)

When have you felt summoned beyond your own safety to something more? How might you be called in this season of your life to more?

Visit exploringthesundayreadings.com

Visions (Grades 7-8)

Life Question: What is seeing?

Gospel Question: What does Bartimaeus see in Jesus?

Venture (Grades 4-6)

Life Question: What does Bartimaeus see in Jesus?

Gospel Question: What does Jesus see in Bartimaeus?

Good News (Grades 2-3)

Life Question: Whom do I follow?

Gospel Question: What does Jesus see in Bartimaeus?

Promise (Grades K-1)

Life Question: When you take a walk outside what are some of the things you see?

Gospel Question: What can Jesus do for us?

Seeds (Preschool)

Life Question: What are some things you see around you?

Gospel Question: What does Jesus do for Bartimaeus?

Family Corner

About the Gospel

Jesus is moved by the needs of a blind man who calls out to him. We too need to be healed in some way. Perhaps we are hurting or feeling alone or sad. Jesus wants us to believe that he can heal us if we too have faith.

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

In Church

Listen during Mass and try to notice how many times we ask God to forgive or heal us.

Question of the Week

What do you want Jesus to heal for you? Do you believe that he can heal you?



Family Prayer

Lord, sometimes we don't even recognize that we need healing. Help us to see where we might be broken and humbly ask you to heal us.

Rincón de la Familia

Acerca del Evangelio

Jesús se conmueve por las necesidades de un hombre ciego que lo llama. Nosotros también necesitamos ser sanados de alguna manera. Quizás estamos sufriendo o nos sentimos solos o tristes. Jesús quiere que creamos que él puede sanarnos si nosotros también tenemos fe.

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

En la Iglesia

Escuchen durante la Misa e intenten notar cuántas veces le pedimos a Dios que nos perdone o nos cure.

Pregunta de la semana

¿Qué quieres que Jesús sane por ti? ¿Crees que él puede curarte?



Oración en familia

Señor, a veces ni siquiera reconocemos que necesitamos sanación. Ayúdanos a ver dónde estamos quebrantados y te pedimos humildemente que nos sanes.

✠ AROUND THE PARISH & DIOCESE ✠



MARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH

Did you know that ALL Catholics are required to be married in the Church as a condition of the validity of their marriage?

Any Catholic married in a civil ceremony (JP) or in any religious ceremony other than a Catholic one (unless specifically excepted by the Bishop) is not living out the Sacrament of Marriage in its fullness according to the teaching of the Church. Contact Father Albert at the parish office for more information.

STAY INFORMED WITH FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP NEWS

The Diocese of Manchester wants to inform Catholics about important public policy matters facing our elected officials. Faithful Citizenship News provides briefs on legislation as well as information about Catholic social teaching on some of today's pressing issues. To read the current issue of Faithful Citizenship News and to subscribe, visit www.catholicnh.org/fcnews.



Altar Flowers are a special opportunity for remembering a departed loved one or offering thanksgiving for a blessing or family event. A floral arrangement placed in front of the altar for the Sunday Liturgy can be purchased for an offering of \$85 (*increase is due to change in size of arrangement and deliver charge*), with an accompanying announcement in the weekly bulletin. Availability is limited according to the Liturgical Calendar. Offerings can be reserved on a first-come basis by contacting the Parish Office at 382-8324.

SANCTUARY CANDLES

The Sanctuary Candles in both Newton and Plaistow may be offered in memory or honor of a loved one. The suggested offering is \$10.00.



HOW TO MAKE A REPORT OF SEXUAL ABUSE

Child sexual abuse is a crime in the State of New Hampshire and the Church. New Hampshire law requires that anyone who has reason to suspect that a child is being or has been abused or neglected must make a report to the Division for Children, Youth & Families ("DCYF") of the State of New Hampshire, 1-800-894-5533. Any person who suspects or alleges child abuse on the part of a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer of a parish, school, or institution of the diocese of Manchester is also encouraged to make a report to the Office for Ministerial Conduct, 603-669-3100. Church personnel – clergy, paid employees, and volunteers – have additional reporting requirements if they believe that Church personnel have sexually abused a child. You can learn more about these reporting requirements on the diocesan website at www.catholicnh.org or by speaking with our Parish Safe Environment Coordinator, Cathy Smith at 382-8324.

PLEASE HELP US!

As you leave church, kindly take your Bulletin with you – or return it to the basket at the entrance of the Church, return your music book and Mass card to their proper place, and pick up after yourself as you leave. Our Ushers are wonderful and diligent, but they should not have to face a Foxboro aftermath as each Mass ends! Thanks for being attentive and respectful!

F. Albert.



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Don't you and your spouse deserve a beautiful, romantic weekend away together? Get away from all those worldly anxieties and take time to just focus on each other by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance, and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend in New England. For more information, call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-9963 or visit www.wwme.org.

NH COUPLE ENRICHMENT CIRCLE

Have you attended a Marriage Encounter Weekend? If your answer is yes, you are invited to participate in the NH Couple Enrichment Circle to continue to strengthen your marriage relationship. For more information, contact David and Karen Demers at 617-480-9989 or ddemers@aviconpartners.com.

RETRouvaille...A Lifeline

Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille weekend. If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, we believe Retrouvaille can help you. For more information, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.



SUPPORT FOR DIVORCED AND SEPARATED

Divorce and separation can be painful experiences. Support groups are available to those who are seeking healing, comfort, and empowerment. Visit www.catholicnh.org/support for a listing of groups.





Bringing Home the Word

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time | October 28, 2018

God Restores Us to Wholeness

By Mary Katharine Deeley

When my mother was alive and Thanksgiving rolled around, my siblings and I would pack up our respective families and travel home for the traditional holiday dinner. There was something so right and satisfying about seeing one another, sharing what had happened since we saw each other last and eating the good food that was part of the feast. Of course as we got older, we helped out with the cooking, serving, and cleaning up, and with entertaining

the frequent guests who showed up. On that day we were all family.

The year my mother died, my brother, sisters, and I weren't sure what to do. Her house had been sold, and we were scattered to different parts of the country. Thanksgiving was a very different feast that year, as it often is when matriarchs and patriarchs pass. We talked about what we missed and wanted, and now we celebrate Thanksgiving at my house with all who can make it. The tradition has become ours, and we look forward to it every year.

Imagine being unable to celebrate any of your traditions for forty years. That's what the Jews faced during their long exile. They were unable to gather as a family and worship God in their own way. Jeremiah's vision of their joyful return holds out the hope that God will once again gather them up and bring them home. There, God will restore them to wholeness just as Jesus restored Bartimaeus, who courageously called out to him and asked for what he most desired. +

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A Word from Pope Francis

Jesus' life, especially during the three years of his public ministry, was a continual encounter with people. Among them, the sick had a special place. How many pages of the Gospel tell of these encounters! The paralytic, the blind man, the leper, ...We cannot fail to visit and assist those who are sick.

—General audience,
November 9, 2016



Sunday Readings

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Proclaim your praise and say:
The LORD has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel.

Hebrews 5:1-6

...It was not Christ who glorified himself in becoming high priest, but rather the one who said to him: "You are my son."

Mark 10:46-52

[Bartimaeus] threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus.... "Master, I want to see."

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Like Bartimaeus, is there a need you want Jesus to fill? What is it?
- Might you be the answer to how Jesus wants to fill someone's need? Don't be one of the crowd holding him back.



Hungering for Justice

By Donald Senior, CP

[Jesus said,] "Blessed are they who hunger...for righteousness, for they will be satisfied" (Matthew 5:6).

Jesus' beatitudes hit their marks like well-thrown darts. In Luke's version, the focus is on raw physical hunger: "Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied" (6:21). Matthew's formulation doesn't soften the blunt force of Jesus' words but rather profoundly extends their meaning. Jesus' blessing now reaches all those who long for God's righteousness, whether they're physically hungry themselves or heart-stricken on behalf of those who are.

A key word here is *righteousness*, derived from the Greek word *dikaiosune*, which translates as "righteousness" or "justice." In English these terms have several connotations. To be righteous, for example, can be negative, referring to those who are too sure of their virtue and quick to let others know about it. Justice can be thought of as a legal term, as when we say someone is "brought to justice"—punished for unlawful deeds.

But the Bible's "justice" and "righteousness" have very different connotations. God is the best exemplar of what biblical justice means because God is trustworthy and faithful. God always does what's right. Therefore, the biblical peoples would pray that God would be just and righteous toward Israel, meaning that God would compassionately stand by his people. In turn, justice or righteousness in

the human realm should mirror God's justice, being faithful to one's obligations and doing what's right.

So the people Jesus blesses in this beatitude are those hungering for God to establish true righteousness or justice. In such a world there will be no child who goes a day without bread and no families will spend the winter in a tent. In a just or righteous world, those of us with resources will feel a sense of obligation toward the needy.

Gospel Echoes

As in every one of the beatitudes, Jesus' words echo throughout the Gospel. He warns his disciples that in order for them to enter the kingdom of heaven, their righteousness must exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees (Matthew 5:20). Above everything else, they are to "seek first the kingdom [of God] and his righteousness" (Matthew 6:33). In the end, God will judge us on the basis of our commitment to justice.

Jesus' vision of a just world expresses a fundamental longing of the whole Bible. The searing prayer of Psalm 107:5-9 may have stirred in Jesus' heart as he preached this beatitude to his disciples: "They were hungry and thirsty; their life was ebbing away. In their distress they cried to the LORD, who rescued them in their peril...Let them thank the LORD

for his kindness, such wondrous deeds for the children of Adam. For he satisfied the thirsty, filled the hungry with good things."

Where Justice Rules

Jesus wasn't an impractical dreamer looking in vain for an ideal world, but a tireless worker for justice. He would give his life healing the sick, feeding the multitudes, and confronting those whose sense of justice had withered. Jesus believed deeply that God's will for humanity is a place where justice rules. "Your kingdom come" was the heartbeat of Jesus' ministry and the voice of his great prayer. Every great saint steeped in the teaching of Jesus and animated by his Spirit has lived out this same vision of human life.

Those who hunger and thirst for justice "will be satisfied." Jesus' beatitude doesn't say how and when such satisfaction will come—only that it will. Any Christian who struggles to be just and treat others in the right manner follows in the footsteps of Jesus himself. +

PRAYER

Lord, I am grateful you came
to heal the brokenhearted.
Help me to trust in you
when I am in trouble.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS


October 29-
November 3

Monday, Weekday:
Eph 4:32—5:8 / Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday, Weekday:
Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-32 / Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday, Weekday:
Eph 6:1-9 / Lk 13:22-30

Thursday, Solemnity of All Saints:
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 / 1 Jn 3:1-3 / Mt 5:1-12a
Friday, Commemoration of All the
Faithful Departed (All Souls): Wis 3:1-9 /
Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9 / Jn 6:37-40
Saturday, Weekday: Phil 1:18b-26 /
Lk 14:1, 7-11

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