



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, November 4, 2018
Thirty-First Sunday In
Ordinary Time

4:00 PM
8:00 AM
10:00 AM

Gathering: Come, Christians, Join To Sing BB 548

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 63)

*I will lift up my eyes at the name of the
one who knows me well.*

Preparation I Have Loved You BB 603

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion The Supper Of The Lord BB 354
Song Of The Body Of Christ BB 333

Recessional: The Spirit Sends Us Forth BB 378

From the Pastor's Desk



HOLY ANGELS CEMETERY CLOSING

With the end of the Fall season and the coming of the Winter months, **Holy Angels Cemetery in Plaistow will be closed from December 1, 2018 until Spring 2019.** This decision comes as result of the real dangers of snow and ice in the Cemetery and the costs to Parishioners to inter during the winter months. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.

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/smile. 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

Hurricane Relief (Newton) \$1,618.00

October 28, 2018

Offertory \$6,965.96

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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|-------------------|-------------------------|
| November 4, 2018 | Property Management |
| November 11, 2018 | Campaign/Human Develop. |
| November 18, 2018 | Fuel |
| November 25, 2018 | Christmas Flowers |

Out of respect, please remember to
silence or turn off
your cell phones during Mass.
Thank you!



Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on Income

| Annual Income | 5% Commitment annually/ weekly | 3% Commitment annually/ weekly |
|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| \$100,000 | \$5,000/\$100 | \$3,000/\$60 |
| \$75,000 | \$3,750/\$75 | \$2,250/\$45 |
| \$60,000 | \$3,000/\$60 | \$1,800/\$36 |
| \$50,000 | \$2,500/\$50 | \$1,500/\$30 |
| \$40,000 | \$2,000/\$40 | \$1,200/\$24 |
| \$30,000 | \$1,500/\$30 | \$900/\$18 |
| \$25,000 | \$1,250/\$25 | \$750/\$15 |
| \$15,000 | \$750/\$15 | \$450/\$9 |

Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on a Percentage Increase

| Your Current Offertory Contribution | 25% Increase | 30% Increase | 40% Increase |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| \$75.00 | \$93.75 | \$97.50 | \$105.00 |
| \$50.00 | \$62.50 | \$65.00 | \$70.00 |
| \$40.00 | \$50.00 | \$52.00 | \$56.00 |
| \$35.00 | \$43.75 | \$45.50 | \$49.00 |
| \$30.00 | \$37.50 | \$39.00 | \$42.00 |
| \$25.00 | \$31.25 | \$32.50 | \$35.00 |
| \$20.00 | \$25.00 | \$26.00 | \$28.00 |
| \$15.00 | \$18.75 | \$19.50 | \$21.00 |
| \$10.00 | \$12.50 | \$13.00 | \$14.00 |
| \$5.00 | \$6.25 | \$6.50 | \$7.00 |

✠ PARISH NEWS ✠

THE RITE OF ACCEPTANCE

In the Rite that is formally called “the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens,” the Church officially recognizes for the first time those persons who have made inquiry into the Church through the pre-catechumenate. Those to be designated Catechumens formally declare their intention to become part of the Church. The Church in turn declares them as persons who intend to become members at the next celebration of the Easter sacraments.

On Sunday, October 21, Brett MacKenzie was accepted as a Catechumen of the Church.

The Rite of Acceptance involves a number of steps, all of which have to do with recognizing, affirming and blessing the person accepted as a Catechumen. First, Brett was called forward and was asked to affirm his intentions. Father Albert also asked those assembled about their support for Brett as a Catechumen.

Father Albert officially then accepted Brett as a Catechumen. Dan Lane, Brett's Sponsor, prayed over him, signing Brett with the sign of the cross on his heads, ears, eyes, lips, heart, hands and feet, symbolizing that the Catechumen's whole self must be committed to the journey to the Easter sacraments.

We praise and thank God for calling others to follow where Jesus leads, and for allowing us to offer witness to the good news of Christ. Please pray for Brett and for all those who are considering joining us at the Lord's Table!

Welcome Catechumen Brett MacKenzie!

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.

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



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.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

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| <u>Sunday, November 4</u> | | |
| 10:00 AM | Religious Ed – Pre-K to 8 | Plaistow |
| 11:00 AM | Grade 2 Reconciliation Meeting for Parents and Students | Plaistow |
| <u>Monday, November 5</u> | | |
| 7:00 PM | Knights of Columbus | Plaistow |
| <u>Wednesday, November 7</u> HOLY ANGELS CHURCH OPEN ALL DAY FOR PRAYER | | |
| <u>Thursday, November 8</u> | | |
| 8:30 AM | Adoration Begins | Newton |
| 9:00 AM | Intercessory Prayer | Plaistow |
| 8:30 PM | Adoration Ends | Newton |
| <u>Saturday, November 10</u> | | |
| 9:00 AM | Christmas Craft Fair | Plaistow |
| 3:00 PM | NO Sacrament of Reconciliation | 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.



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**



Thank You!

Thank you, dear parishioners!!! Our Annual Bake Sale was "sweetly" successful and the Walk for the Poor went above and beyond our highest expectations with the funds raised. Your continued support, including your "Dropped Dollars," helps us with our mission to keep giving a "hand up" to the poor and forgotten in our community. Keep it up - we're counting on you! Don't forget to stop by our table at the Craft Fair for some yummy fudge and handmade items.

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, November 3 ~ Vigil / 31st Sunday in Ord. Time

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

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

Monday, November 5 ~ Weekday

Phil 2:1-4; Lk 14:12-14

8:00 AM Ron Metcalf by his family
Newton

Tuesday, November 6 ~ Weekday

Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24

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

Wednesday, November 7 ~ Weekday

Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33

6:30 PM Martin & Florence Fogel and Frank Kelcourse
by Elaine Kelcourse
Plaistow

Thursday, November 8 ~ Weekday

Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10

8:00 AM William Bettencourt and Walter Halko
by Janice Bettencourt
Newton

Friday, November 9 ~ Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

No Mass

Saturday, November 10 ~ Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15 (Day)

1 Kgs 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Geraldine Miele by her family
Plaistow

Sunday, November 11 ~ 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44

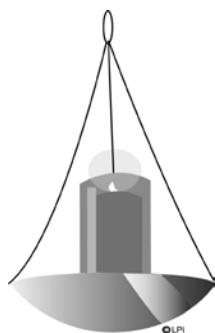
8:00 AM Paul Cote by Jim and Mary Anne Downs
Newton

10:00 AM Martin & Florence Fogel and Frank Kelcourse
by Elaine Kelcourse
Plaistow

PRAYER LINE

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

✠ FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION ✠



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

The Sanctuary Candle in
Holy Angels Church
will burn this week in loving memory of
Josephine Neve
by Anne Marie Mezquita

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. 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. 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.

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 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 ✠

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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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| Fr. Albert Tremblay | fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net |
| Cathy Smith | csmith@stluketheevangelist.net |
| Joyce Szapa | jszczapa@stluketheevangelist.net |
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| Val Barczak | mvmbarczak@comcast.net |
| Youth Ministry | youth@stluketheevangelist.net |
| Parish Council | parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net |

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

THANKSGIVING DINNERS

Distribution of Thanksgiving Dinners for Food Pantry clients will be held on **Saturday, November 17 and Sunday, November 18**. Volunteers are welcome to help get things ready and out the door to our Food Pantry friends. If you can help, please contact Marie at the Food Pantry by calling 603-819-4949 (leave a message) or email her at mfarren88@hotmail.com.



GIVING TREES

Giving Trees will be located in the back of both churches on the weekend of **November 17-18**. Please take an ornament, buy the item(s) listed, and return it - **with the ornament attached** - to the church or the parish office **no later than December 8-9** (the Second Sunday of Advent).

Volunteers are welcome to help sort the gifts and distribute them on December 16-17. If you can help, please contact Marie at the Food Pantry by calling 603-819-4949 (leave a message) or email her at mfarren88@hotmail.com. Thank you for your generosity in helping those in need!

HELP WANTED – ADVENT PREPARATIONS

Volunteers are invited to help do some rearranging and decorating on **Sunday, November 25 following the 8:00 AM Liturgy in Newton and the 10:00 AM Liturgy in Plaistow**. Our tasks include Advent decorating, pew missalette change-overs and some light clean up of the churches in preparation for the Advent season. All are welcome to lend a hand – our work usually lasts just over an hour if we have all the help we can muster! Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

KNIGHTS ITALIAN FESTIVAL

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the parish members who attended the Festival for their support. Chef Rudi and his team did a great job preparing the delicious meatballs, sauce and pasta and our chairperson, Dave Meader and his wife Stephanie, did a superb job of organizing the event, including all of the fantastic items that were raffled off. Due to the success of this event, the Knights of Columbus are able to complete their \$2,500 pledge for this year to our Parish's Capital Improvements Program. This will bring the Knight's total donations to \$4,000 for the Capital Improvements Program. If you would like to find out more information about your parish's Knights of Columbus, please contact Dan Sullivan at 603-770-4803 or dans49@comcast.net.



**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

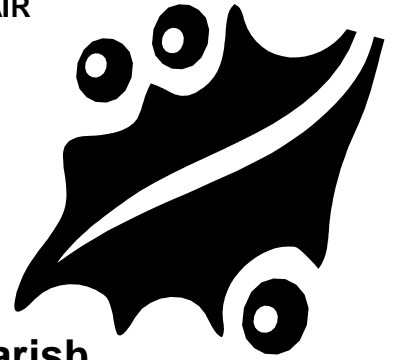
Thousands of one-of-a-kind gifts from 20+ vendors of high-quality hand-crafted & hand-made items, \$1,000 Cash Raffle, Wine Raffle, Penny Sale, Theme Basket Raffle, Quilt Raffle, Country & Thrift Store, Silent Auction, Jewelry and our very famous Cookie Heaven. Something for every budget. Breakfast and 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)

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.

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH 11TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2018 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
ST. LUKE'S PARISH CENTER, 8 ATKINSON DEPOT ROAD, PLAISTOW, NH

Go!



Next Saturday – November 10th – is our fabulous Parish Christmas Craft Fair ... great vendors, entertainment & fun!

There's something for everyone on your Christmas gift list from one or more of our outstanding vendors of high quality hand-Crafted & hand-made items:

Christmas Decorations & Novelties, Doll Clothes, Maple Syrup Products, Wreaths, Soaps, Jewelry, Baby & Children's Clothing & Accessories, Jams, Jellies, Spicy Condiments, Wooden Bowls, Dog Biscuits, Scarves, Towels, Afghans, Bags, Quilts, Mittens, Folk-Art & Decorations, Candles, Terrariums & more...

Or at one of our three Parish-sponsored tables ...

Terrific Silent Auction items
Stylish Jewelry for men & women, boys & girls
Country Store & Thrift Store special finds not to be missed

You might win a fabulous prize in one of our five raffles ...

Prizes from \$50 to \$1,000 in the Cash Raffle
All kinds of wine in the Wine Raffle
Prizes of all shapes & sizes, for all ages, in the Penny Sale
Creative collections of gifts in the Theme Basket Raffle
Beautiful one-of-a-kind quilt hand-made by Barbara Lawrence

Live entertainment & children's activities! (Subject to change.)

9 am – 2:30 pm Sugar Cookie Decorating (while supplies last)
9:30 am – 2:30 pm Face Painting
10 am – 2 pm Santa's Visits—take your own photos with the whole family
Plus: Live Entertainment on stage, featuring April Renzella

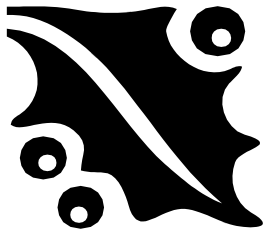
Refreshments all day – eat in or take out!



Support our Parish Ministries...

invite your family & friends!

Call 603-382-8324 for more information!



Please sign-up today to fill any
volunteer gaps for the Fair weekend.

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 turned in today, brought back to the Parish Office by Noon on **Thursday, November 8**, OR brought to the Parish Center by 9:00 am on **Saturday November 10**.

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 (see 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 Religious Education Office in Plaistow, Sunday
November 11, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Save Sunday Nov. 18th for our UNO's Dough Raiser

Have fun & help at the Fair!

If you can help in anyway, please contact Collette Ferrandi
at stlukenhfair@gmail.com or leave a message at the
Parish Office: 603-382-8324.

Thank you!



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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2018 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
ST. LUKE'S PARISH CENTER, 8 ATKINSON DEPOT ROAD, PLAISTOW, NH



Once again this year our Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish Food Pantry will provide Thanksgiving Food Baskets to needy families in our area. The cost of purchasing items for all of the baskets typically runs to well over \$1500.00, and with hard times facing so many, we anticipate the need to be even greater than previous years.

If you would like to contribute towards the cost of Thanksgiving Baskets, please place your contribution in an envelope marked “**THANKSGIVING BASKETS,**” and place it in the offering basket. You may also visit the Parish Offices and make a contribution in person.

Thank you for your support of the poor among us.

LOOKING FOR WAYS TO HELP?

SAINT LUKE FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER

Food Pantry volunteers assist with preparing food to go out to the clients the Pantry serves. Volunteers also assist in stocking shelves, packing boxes and moving food and other material around the Pantry. Some volunteers also assist with client paperwork and Pantry documentation. The Pantry needs volunteers for the regular hours (Wednesday, 10 am – Noon; Thursday, 6-7 PM; Friday, 10 am – Noon). Volunteers are always welcome to arrive at the Pantry before the opening hours to assist. Food Pantry volunteers should be able to lift bags or groceries (up to 15 lbs.) and to negotiate both the stairs into the Pantry and the bulkhead stairs from the Pantry to the parking lot.

Contact Marie Farren at 819-4949 or at mfarren88@hotmail.com.

The Pantry is looking for helpers of any age on the weekend of November 16-17 to prepare and distribute Thanksgiving dinners.

The Pantry also welcomes helpers of any age on the weekend of December 15-16 to help distribute Christmas baskets and gifts.

A great opportunity for families to do something good together!

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL VOLUNTEER

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish is a volunteer organization whose mission is to give members in our community who find themselves struggling a "hand up, not a hand out."

The Society meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Church Hall in Plaistow. They host and participate in many fund raisers throughout the year. 100% of the funds donated through these fundraising efforts go directly towards helping the poor and underserved in our area. Once the need is made known to the Society a dedicated team of a man and woman plan a home visit, meet the person(s) requesting aid, prepare a report and ask the Society to determine if the request can be granted. The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul works closely with the St. Luke Food Pantry and the Knights of Columbus in our Parish. Help Line: 382-8324 x 315. Like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/SVDPSL.

Contact info: Trisha Mainella, mpatrisia88@gmail.com.



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.

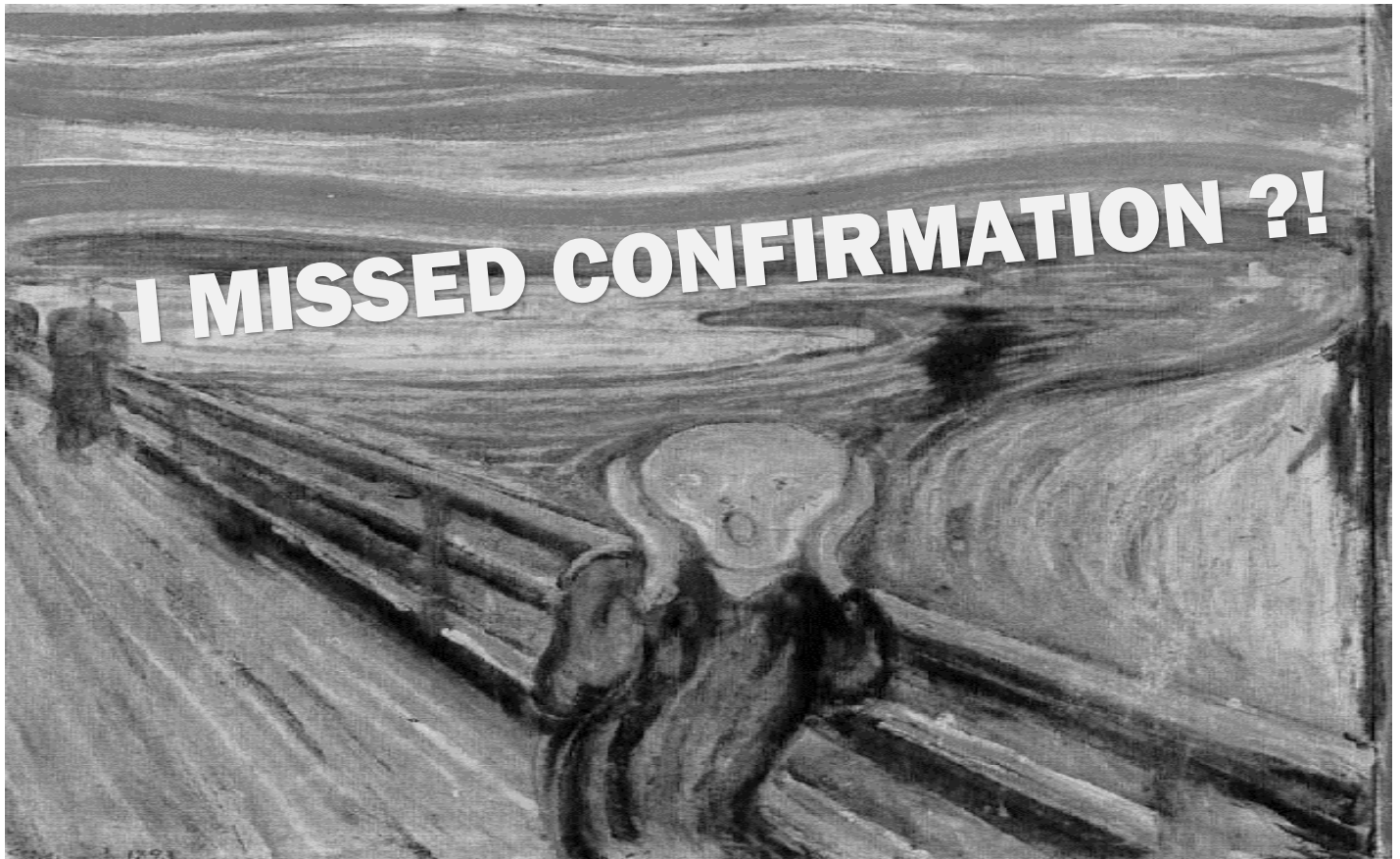
So maybe -- just maybe -- now...it's time....to make your own choice.

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
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FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time • November 4, 2018 • Jesus' Great Commandment

Sunday Readings: Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28b-34

Weekly Discussion Questions

For the Parish Bulletin

Life Question: What do you do with your whole heart, mind or strength?

Gospel Question: How does love of neighbor reflect love for God?

LIFE AND GOSPEL QUESTIONS BY AGE LEVEL

Exploring the Sunday Readings (Adults)

When have you felt yourself "close to the kingdom"?

Visit exploringthesundayreadings.com

Visions (Grades 7-8)

Life Question: How do you show love?

Gospel Question: What are ways to keep the Great Commandment?

Venture (Grades 4-6)

Life Question: What are things you would not do to your neighbor because you don't want anyone to do them to you?

Gospel Question: What are ways you keep Jesus' Great Commandment?

Good News (Grades 2-3)

Life Question: What do you do with your whole heart, mind, or strength?

Gospel Question: What are ways to keep Jesus' Great Commandment?

Promise (Grades K-1)

Life Question: What does the Lord's Prayer say about forgiveness?

Gospel Question: What does Jesus ask us to show to others?

Seeds (Preschool)

Life Question: What are some rules your family asks you to follow?

Gospel Question: What rules does Jesus give us?

Family Corner

About the Gospel

Jesus tells us to love God above everything else and to love our neighbor as ourselves. The Ten Commandments can be condensed into this message of love. The first three commandments are about how we love God, and the rest about how we should treat each other.

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

In Church

Pay attention carefully during Mass and try to find an example of loving God and loving others in the Mass.

Question of the Week

How does Jesus show you by example how you can live out the Great Commandment of loving God and neighbor?



Family Prayer

Help us, Jesus, to not get caught up in our busyness and forget to put you first.

Rincón de la Familia

Acerca del Evangelio

Jesús nos dice que amemos a Dios por encima de todo y que amemos a nuestro prójimo como a nosotros mismos. Los Diez Mandamientos se pueden resumir en este mensaje de amor. Los tres primeros mandamientos son acerca de cómo amamos a Dios y el resto sobre cómo debemos tratarnos unos a otros.

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

En la Iglesia

Presten atención cuidadosamente durante la Misa y traten de encontrar un ejemplo de amar a Dios y amar a los demás en la misa.

Pregunta de la semana

¿Cómo te muestra Jesús con su ejemplo la manera de vivir el gran mandamiento de amar a Dios y al prójimo?



Oración en familia

Ayúdanos, Jesús, a no dejarnos atrapar por nuestras ocupaciones y a olvidarnos de ponerte en primer lugar.

✠ AROUND THE 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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COUNSELING

New Hampshire Catholic Charities provides individual, marital, family, and couples' counseling, helping people with a variety of personal difficulties, including: Depression, Stress, Family Conflicts, Relationship Problems, Anxiety, Substance Abuse, Life Adjustment Issues, Grief and Loss. Counseling also helps individuals and families strengthen communication skills in order to build and sustain healthy relationships and live more satisfying lives. A sliding scale fee is offered. Contact Arlene Dody, LCMHC in Salem at 603-893-1971 for more information.

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.

The Pregnancy Care Center

The Pregnancy Care Center is a non-profit organization that offers its confidential services at no cost to its clients. We are committed to promoting the culture of life by assisting expectant parents in the birth and subsequent development of their child during his or her first year of life. We are also committed to helping young people embrace the virtues of chastity and continence as a sign of their Christian dignity.

Main Center

496 Main St., Haverhill, MA (978-373-5700)

www.pccnortheast.org

Helpline: 866-254-4440



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

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 4, 2018

Falling in Love with God

By Janel Esker

At the staff meetings of a religious institution I once worked for, we took turns leading an opening prayer. Many of us prepared prayers with detailed language, noting the day's feast or particular intentions drawn from the day's headlines. However, the only prayer I remember was led by a laywoman who began by saying, "God, we love you." I don't remember the rest of the prayer, but I've never forgotten her basic but profound beginning: "God, we love you."

We ask God for a lot of things, we

Sunday Readings

Deuteronomy 6:2–6

Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe [the commandments], that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly.

Hebrews 7:23–28

It was fitting that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, higher than the heavens.

Mark 12:28b–34

[Jesus said,] "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength."

probably do plenty of complaining to God, and we do a good amount of thanking God. But how much time do we spend loving God?

Jesus upholds the centrality of loving God in his answer to the scribe in today's Gospel. Instead of naming one of the 613 commandments of the Judaic Law as the "first," he quotes the central Jewish prayer, the Shema, and its injunction to love God with our whole being. This, for Jesus, is the most essential commandment.

When was the last time you prayed, "God, I love you"? Loving God is different than loving a person you can actually see, touch, and hear—yet it's so fundamental to the spiritual life. Maybe, like couples who have been married a long time, we just assume God knows we love him. "We've been together so long, we don't even need to say it anymore."

But even long-married couples renew their marriage vows and fall in love all over again. God is always reaching out in love to us, and Jesus challenges us today to recommit ourselves to God.

Can we continue to fall in love with God? +

*We ask God for things,
but how much time do we
spend loving God?*

A Word from Pope Francis

A Church without women is like the college of the Apostles without Mary. The role of women in the Church is not simply that of maternity, being mothers, but much greater: it is precisely to be the icon of the Virgin, of Our Lady; what helps make the Church grow!

—Press conference, July 28, 2013



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

ONE? TWO? REFLECTION

- Do I remember to tell God I love him? He wants to know.
- How can my actions also express love for God?



To Vote or Not to Vote

By Jim and Susan Vogt

Although our country was founded as a constitutional representative democracy and many fought for the right to vote, some wonder if voting is still worth it. With some campaigns extending for more than a year and large amounts of money devoted to advertising, people wonder if our electoral system is obsolete. It sometimes seems like back-room dealing really determines election outcomes. Who would know if I didn't vote?

Let's examine some arguments nonvoters use and consider why you should vote.

• **I can't fully support any candidate on the ballot.** Politics is compromise, and that means sacrificing the perfect for the possible. It's hard to follow one's conscience when no candidate completely reflects our values.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops publishes a voting guide called *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*. The Church can't mandate which candidate to choose, but it can remind us of principles and values consistent with Catholicism. We can use this information to choose candidates who support Christian values.

• **My vote won't make a difference.** Few elections are decided by one vote, but a politically active person can have a multiplier effect, like a video going viral on the internet. Sure, one person seldom makes a difference, but Jesus showed how one person can sometimes change the world.

• **You can't trust politicians.** Many people believe politicians are corrupt and power hungry, thinking, "*They lie to please you, then sell you out.*"

Recent scandals verify this notion. But an Edmund Burke quote still rings true: "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

• **The election doesn't impact my life.** You might say, "In my corner of the world, I just focus on keeping my job and feeding my family." So when the economy collapses because a hands-off governmental approach to financial regulations leads to a recession, you can just move in with your parents. That is, if they can afford to welcome you and share their Social Security benefits. Elections *do* affect our lives.

• **If your candidate wins, the opposing party can block the president or your members of Congress from enacting the will of the majority.** Are you fed up with a broken government? Fix it! One can wail about problems and wallow in helplessness, but a successful democracy works when people strive to fix dysfunctional laws and procedures.

• **Voting doesn't help "the least of my brothers."** Cain asked, "Am I my brother's keeper?" (Genesis 4:9), and God punished him for not valuing his brother's life. Voting is a way of being responsible for the common good. Jesus taught that if we neglect to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, we will "go off to eternal punishment" (Matthew 25:46).

• **It's inconvenient.** One young adult said, "Many of my friends don't care

about local politics because they don't know much about their community. Besides, it's a hassle to figure out how to register."

Would these folks have the same trouble renewing their driver's licenses? Oh, maybe voter-registration information should be freely available on the internet and at civic gatherings. Oh, wait—it is!

Why You Should Vote

It's the right thing to do.

"A basic moral test for any society is how it treats those who are most vulnerable" (FCFC 53). Voting is how citizens move the government to accomplish this. The US bishops confirm this when they teach, "In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation.... It is necessary that all participate... in promoting the common good" (FCFC 13, quoting from the *Catechism*, 1913–1915). After all, freedom isn't free. +

PRAYER

Lord, I am grateful for your love and guidance. Show me how to love you, myself, and my neighbors genuinely and generously.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS

November 5-10

Monday

Weekday: Phil 2:1–4 / Lk 14:12–14

Tuesday

Weekday: Phil 2:5–11 / Lk 14:15–24

Wednesday

Weekday: Phil 2:12–18 / Lk 14:25–33

Thursday

Weekday: Phil 3:3–8a / Lk 15:1–10

Friday

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Rome): Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12 / 1 Cor 3:9c–11, 16–17 / Jn 2:13–22

Saturday

Pope Leo the Great: Phil 4:10–19 / Lk 16:9–15