



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

**Sunday, November 11, 2018
Thirty-Second Sunday In
Ordinary Time**

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

Gathering: Gather Us In BB 303

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 63)

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

Preparation Parable BB 687

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion Take And Eat BB 361
In The Breaking Of The Bread BB 325

Recessional: Let All Things Now Living BB 588

10:00 AM

Gathering: All Are Welcome BB 415

Dismissal Rite: You Have Called Us BB 646

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 146)

***Bless the Lord, my soul, who heals
the broken hearted.***

Preparation Shepherd Me, O God BB 459
Whatsoever You Do BB 622

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion Center Of My Life BB 490
Blest Are They BB 629

Recessional: City Of God BB 386

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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!

November 1, 2018

All Saints \$ 950.00

November 4, 2018

**Offertory \$7,078.54
Property Management \$1,827.25**

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

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 ✠

PAINT THE TOWN!

THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH

Our Parish community continues with our Capital Campaign. Our next projects include exterior painting for the church and Parish house in Newton. We'd also like to paint the interior sanctuary of the church in Newton and complete some electrical upgrades to the church.

Other possible projects include work on our Plaistow and Newton parking lots, and ramp access to the church in Plaistow.

Can you help?

Any contribution is welcome. Make checks payable to
Saint Luke the Evangelist – Capital Campaign.

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.

THE BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD



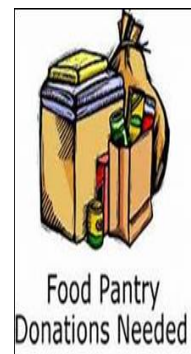
Throughout **November**, a special *Book of the Names of the Dead* will be opened near the Baptismal Font & Paschal Candle for parishioners to record the names of the faithful departed. It is a visible sign that the faithful departed remain with us as part of the Church. You are welcome to record names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

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.

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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Sunday, November 11
10:00 AM NO Religious Ed *Plaistow*

Monday, November 12
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, November 14
HOLY ANGELS CHURCH
OPEN ALL DAY FOR PRAYER

Thursday, November 15
8:30 AM Adoration Begins *Newton*
9:00 AM Intercessory Prayer *Plaistow*
8:30 PM Adoration Ends *Newton*

Saturday, November 17
3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

Sunday, November 18
10:00 AM Religious Ed – PreK to 8 *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! Thank you for stopping 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 10 ~ Vigil / 32nd Sunday in Ord. Time
1 Kgs 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44

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

Monday, November 12 ~ Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
Ti 1:1-9; Lk 17:1-6

8:00 AM In Thanksgiving for Favor Received
Newton

Tuesday, November 13 ~ Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10

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

Wednesday, November 14 ~ Weekday
Ti 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19

6:30 PM Charlene Robbins by Dino & Maryanne Pappas
Plaistow

Thursday, November 15 ~ Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Phlm 7-20; Lk 17:20-25

8:00 AM People of the Parish
Newton

Friday, November 16 ~ Margaret of Scotland; Gertrude, Virgin

2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37
No Mass

Saturday, November 17 ~ Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8 (Day)

Dn 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32 (Vigil)
4:00 PM Paul O'Leary by Colleen and Mark Hammond
Plaistow

Sunday, November 18 ~ 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dn 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

8:00 AM Joseph L. Krafton (2nd Anniversary)
by his family
Newton

10:00 AM Bill Lueders (Birthday & Wedding Remembrance)
by his wife Carole
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 ✧

CATECHUMEN

Please continue to pray for our Catechumen,
Brent MacKenzie.

RCIA

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

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Are you an adult who has been Baptized and received Eucharist, but has not celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation? 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.

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. The use of the envelope system is always optional; however, it does guarantee a manner of accountability. For most families, the Pastor or staff can easily verify attendance during these three months. 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.

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.



In Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

**Virginia Haynes
Chester Connors
David Coddling**

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.

✧ 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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Youth Ministry	youth@stluketheevangelist.net
Parish Council	parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net

✱ Parish News ~ Youth News ~ Around The Diocese ✱



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!

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.

CANDY CANE FAIR

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Derry, NH will be having their Candy Cane Fair on **Saturday, November 17 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**. The fair will be held in the Aquinas Center. Free admission and parking. There will be raffle baskets, a bake sale table, and a white elephant sale, along with over 50 different crafters. Lunch will be served starting at 11:00 AM. All are invited!

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

With the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays upon us, we have the following early bulletin deadlines:

12:00 Noon on Tuesday, November 13 for the November 25 bulletin

12:00 Noon on Tuesday, December 11 for the December 23 bulletin

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

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.

JESUS aCROSS THE BORDER
November 16, 2018

As an organization founded upon the mission of crossing all borders, JESUS aCROSS THE BORDER is excited to host another bilingual event. This month, they will join the Portuguese community at St. Anthony's in Lowell, MA on November 16. The evening begins at 7:30 PM with Eucharistic Adoration and acoustic Praise & Worship. A young adult Mass will follow at 9:00 PM, followed by a networking pizza social.

They are also hosting a pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy on **Saturday, November 17**. More information can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/DivineMercy2018>.

These events are geared towards young adults, 18 to 35 years of age, but are open to anyone who would like to find out more about the JESUS aCROSS THE BORDER mission. This is a fantastic opportunity for the over 20 Catholic young adult groups to network with one another and for YOU to get to know the many groups out there that are ready to support you in your faith journey. For more information, email info@JESUSaCROSSTheBorder.org.

ATKINSON LION'S CLUB FOOD DRIVE

The Atkinson Lions Club, in partnership with the Atkinson Academy, will be holding their annual food drive to benefit local food pantries, **including St. Luke's Food Pantry**. The Academy students will be collecting non-perishable food throughout the month of November. The Atkinson Lions would greatly appreciate receiving drop-off non-perishable food and / or cash **on Saturday, December 1 between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM at the Dow Common** in the center of Town. They greatly appreciate the support of the local community in aiding our neighbors in need!

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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.

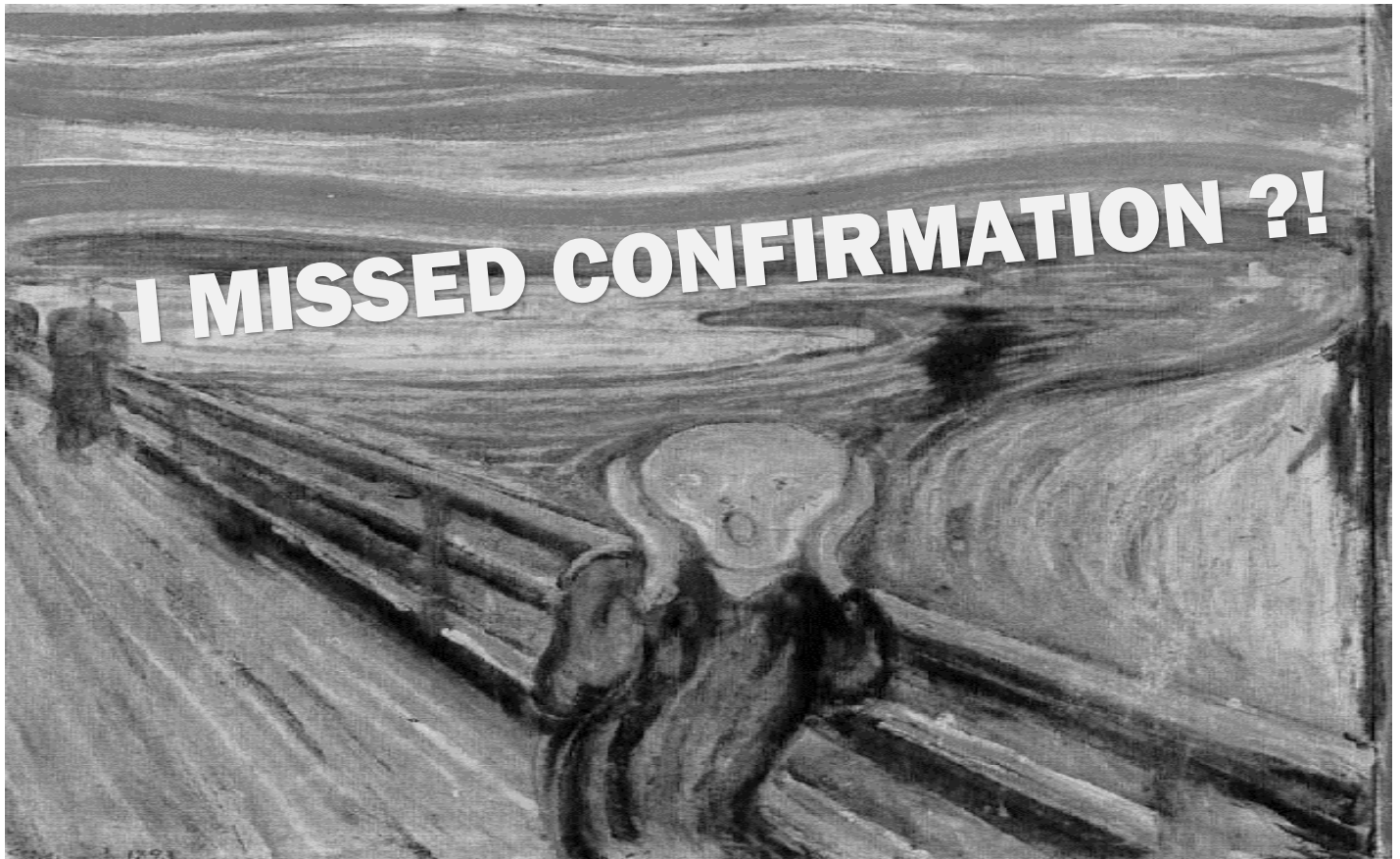
So maybe -- just maybe -- now...it's time....to make your own choice.

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

parish Gospel
Weeklies
FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time • November 11, 2018 • The Widow's Mite

Sunday Readings: 1 Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

Weekly Discussion Questions

For the Parish Bulletin

Life Question: In what ways are you generous?

Gospel Question: Why does Jesus value the widow's gift?

LIFE AND GOSPEL QUESTIONS BY AGE LEVEL

Exploring the Sunday Readings (Adults)

Who are today's "widow class" of unprotected ones?

What can the church do to assist them?

Visit exploringthesundayreadings.com

Visions (Grades 7-8)

Life Question: What time, talent, and treasure are you willing to give to your parish or school?

Gospel Question: Why does Jesus praise the widow's small gift to the Temple?

Venture (Grades 4-6)

Life Question: How do you share your wealth?

Gospel Question: What makes the widow's gift so valuable?

Good News (Grades 2-3)

Life Question: What makes us happy?

Gospel Question: What makes the widow's gift special?

Promise (Grades K-1)

Life Question: What can I share with others?

Gospel Question: Why is it important to share with others?

Seeds (Preschool)

Life Question: What do you do that says "I love you"?

Gospel Question: What gift does the widow give?

Family Corner

About the Gospel

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus offers us a unique perspective on generosity. He explains that giving from our excess is not as powerful as giving everything like the widow did. We are challenged to give everything to God—not just our extra time, talent, and treasure.

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

In Church

Look around the church and notice all the beauty in the windows, candles, statues, or altar. Consider the wonder and awe of God that they represent.

Question of the Week

What have you held back from God?

Family Prayer

Help us to see what we are withholding from you, Lord, and to give it freely.

Rincón de la Familia

Acerca del Evangelio

En el Evangelio del domingo, Jesús nos ofrece una perspectiva única sobre la generosidad. Él explica que dar de nuestro exceso no es tan valioso como dar todo como lo hizo la viuda. Tenemos el desafío de darle todo a Dios, no solo nuestro tiempo, talento y tesoros que nos sobran.

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

En la Iglesia

Miren alrededor de la iglesia y observen toda la belleza en los vitrales, las velas, las imágenes o el altar. Consideren la maravilla y la grandeza de Dios que representan.

Pregunta de la semana

¿Qué no le has dado a Dios?

Oración en familia

Ayúdanos a ver lo que no te estamos dando, Señor, y a darlo libremente

✠ 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 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

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 11, 2018

What Shall We Give?

By Mary Katharine Deeley

When my husband and I were first married, we didn't have much money. I took the bus to work, and he ate peanut butter-and-honey sandwiches nearly every day. Chunky soup with rice was frequently on our dinner menu. Like many young couples, we struggled to make ends meet. One result of that experience was that we became very careful about how we spent money. Could we afford lunch at a restaurant once a month? How would we save for the future or budget for a growing family?

Also of concern was the amount we would donate to our church. Clearly, large contributions were out of the question, but because income and expenses often varied, we even avoided pledging a set amount per week. Instead, we agreed to give something every week—as much as we thought we could afford. Some weeks it was a dollar; in weeks of plenty or good fortune, we gave a little more. Our children took great pride in putting whatever amount we had in the basket each Sunday.

Our finances are much less stressful these days. Our careers and income have been blessed, and we still support our church, serve the poor, pay our ministers a living wage, and strive to make our parish a welcoming place for all. But whenever I read this Gospel passage I wonder, “Are we simply giving out of our surplus, or are we pushing ourselves to let go of some of our desires and dreams to help others in our midst?” We all should ask ourselves this question weekly, as my family did years ago. +

Sunday Readings

1 Kings 17:10–16

For the LORD, the God of Israel, says: The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry.

Hebrews 9:24–28

Christ...will appear a second time, not to take away sin but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him.

Mark 12:38–44 or Mark 12:41–44

[Jesus said,] “They have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she...has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.”

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A Word from Pope Francis

How many people have distanced themselves...from some parish or community because of the environment of gossip, jealousy, and envy they found there? Even for a Christian, knowing how to love is never a thing acquired once and for all. We must begin anew every day.

—Regina Caeli, May 21, 2017



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- Is my piety and religiosity also expressed in charity and service?
- Am I doing what I can do to help the poor?



Surviving Hard Economic Times

By Jim and Susan Vogt

For some, economic hardship means belt-tightening: eating out less,

skipping vacation, going from two cars to one. For others, it's much more: losing a job, house, or health care. Both groups feel pain, but to those for whom it's the difference between eating and hunger, complaints about giving up cable TV can seem insensitive and frivolous. So how should Catholics respond to economic difficulties?

What NOT to Do

- **DON'T view adversity as God's punishment.** In some theologies, wealth signifies God's favor and poverty indicates sin. Although Catholicism doesn't support these views, the wealthy may be tempted to attribute bounty to hard work and virtuous living. Sometimes these go together but, just as there are innocent people born into poverty, there are wealthy people who didn't achieve success through virtuous living. Remember that we're all God's beloved children.
- **DON'T hoard what you have.** It's tempting to cling tightly to what we have. If we're in survival mode, we naturally focus on caring for ourselves first. If I barely have enough food, why should I share? This all makes human sense, but it's not what Jesus did. When Jesus fed the multitudes, a few generous followers offered their bread

and fish which, when blessed, fed all.

- **DON'T complain, act illegally or immorally.** In hard economic times it's natural to feel angry and complain. Venting and crying out to God in pain and fear are common in the psalms.
- Still, a time comes when these attitudes rob us of energy to find positive solutions. We might understand why a desperate person feels driven to illegal or immoral acts to survive. That doesn't make it right. Job's trials included both economic and physical pain. His uprightness in the face of adversity is why he's such a compelling model.

Embracing Christian Simplicity

Although some Christians choose poverty as a means to holiness, too many people find themselves living in a poverty that is neither willed nor holy.

In the last recession, many of us were being pushed to simplify our lifestyles. This is consistent with Church teaching that calls us to "practice poverty of spirit and generosity of heart" (*United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*). Jesus said, "Do not worry and say... 'What are we to wear... Your heavenly Father knows [what] you need...'" (Matthew 6:31-32). For many of us, the simple lifestyle that is thrust upon us is one we should aspire to anyway.

Deepening Our Spirituality

- **DO steward resources with care.** Although we may already be good stewards of our money and

possessions, hard times force us to do even more: *Where am I wasteful? Do I conserve electricity, gas, food, water? Do I wear practical clothes or am I a slave to fashion? Do I repair broken things instead of replacing them?*

Keeping a budget may be bothersome, but it can help us become responsible stewards.

- **DO practice generosity.** It sounds counterintuitive to give things away when money is tight, but Christians are called to be generous. Does everyone on your block really need their own lawn mower, camping gear, or basketball hoop? It's convenient to have your own, but sharing reduces cost and builds community.
- **DO stay spiritually centered.** Few people welcome hardships, but when they arrive, God may be pricking our consciences or opening untried doors. Hardships may drive us to deeper prayer. They give us solidarity with those who regularly go without. In the end, we place our lives in God's hands, remembering that the same God who created the lilies of the fields loves and watches over us. +

PRAYER

Lord, I am grateful for your abundant gifts. Open my hands and heart that I may give my all in sharing your peace and love with the world.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS

November 12-17

Monday	<i>St. Josaphat:</i> Ti 1:1-9 / Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday	<i>St. Frances Xavier Cabrini:</i> Ti 2:1-8, 11-14 / Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday	<i>Weekday:</i> Ti 3:1-7 / Lk 17:11-19

Thursday	<i>Weekday:</i> Phlm 7-20 / Lk 17:20-25
Friday	<i>Weekday:</i> 2 Jn 4-9 / Lk 17:26-37
Saturday	<i>St. Elizabeth of Hungary:</i> 3 Jn 5-8 / Lk 18:1-8