

MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, November 18, 2018 Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

4:00 PM 8:00 AM

Gathering: Lord Of All Hopefulness BB 403

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 63)

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

- Preparation Eye Has Not Seen BB 462
- Mass Parts Mass of Creation
- Communion The Body Of Christ (Choir)
- Recessional: For The Fruits Of This Creation BB 421

10:00 AM

Gathering:	Gather The People BB 302		
Dismissal Rite:	You Have Called Us BB 646		
Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 98)			

All the ends of the earth have seen the power of God; all the ends of the earth have seen the power of God.

Preparation	Eye Has Not Seen BB 462 We Have Been Told BB 498
Mass Parts	Mass of Creation
Communion	Christ Be Our Light BB 596 God's Holy Gifts BB 343
Recessional:	Sing A Joyful Song BB 438

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the Parish Office will close at **12:00 Noon on Wednesday, November 21 and will remain closed on Thursday, November 22**. The Office will reopen at 8:30 AM on Monday, November 26.

Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on Income			
Annual Income	5% Commitment annually/ weekly	3% Commitment annually/ weekly	
\$100,000	\$5,000/ <i>\$100</i>	\$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	

✤ PARISH TITHING ★

Our Parish needs to take in \$7,000.00 each week in order to make ends meet. Thank you for your generosity to our parish! Your weekly contribution helps ensure that the parish remains a vibrant community. Please remember to submit your weekly gift even if you will be away. We depend upon your support!

COLLECTION AMOUNTS FOR NOVEMBER 11, 2018 WILL APPEAR IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN

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 Parish Giving is a simple, secure, and (EFT). convenient way to manage your stewardship without weekly envelopes and without worries. It allows you select contribution amounts and special to 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

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



Suggestee Based on			
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	\$18.70	\$19.50	\$21.00
\$10.00	\$12.50	\$13.00	\$14.00
\$5.00	\$6.25	\$6.50	\$7.00

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.



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.

AMAZON SMILE

St. Luke the Evangelist Parish has been issued a **\$42.62** donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of program activity between July 1 and September 30, 2018. **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 <u>www.amazonsmile.com</u>. Be sure to choose: **St Luke the Evangelist Parish, Plaistow.**

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.

10:00 AM	Sunday, November 18 Religious Ed – PreK to 8 Plaistow			
6:00 PM	Tuesday, November 20Finance Council MeetingPlaistow			
Wednesday, November 21 PARISH OFFICE CLOSES AT 12:00 NOON HOLY ANGELS CHURCH OPEN ALL DAY FOR PRAYER				
6:30 PM	Mass of Thanksgiving Plaistow			
	<u>Thursday, November 22</u> NO ADORATION NO INTERCESSORY PRAYER PARISH OFFICE CLOSED			
3:00 PM	Sactarday, November 24 Sacrament of Reconciliation Plaistow			
10:00 AM	Sunday, November 25 Decorate Churches for Advent After 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Liturgies Religious Ed – PreK to 8 Plaistow			
	Find us on: facebook.			
<u>www.faceb</u> Parish – N	the Evangelist is now on Facebook! Go to ook.com/stlukenh.org/ or St. Luke the Evangelist lewton/Plaistow and give us a Like! Please invite shioners and friends to do the same.			
	St. Vincent de Paul Society			
Thank yo	Thank You! bu, dear parishioners!!! Our Annual Bake Sale			

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**, **December 19 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.

Saturday, N	ovember 17 ~ Vigil / 33 rd Sunday in Ord. Time
	3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32
4:00 PM	Paul O'Leary by Colleen and Mark Hammond <i>Plaistow</i>
Sunday, No	vember 18 ~ 33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
	3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32
8:00 AM	Joseph L. Krafton (2 nd Anniversary)
	by his family
	Newton
10:00 AM	Bill Lueders (Birthday & Wedding Remembrance)
	by his wife Carole
	Plaistow
Monday No	vember 19 ~ Weekday
Rv 1.1-4	2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43
	For Michael and his recovery
	Newton
<u>Tuesday, No</u>	ovember 20 ~ Weekday
	14-22; Lk 19:1-10
8:00 AM	Beryle Eppich by Joanie Musial
	Plaistow
Wodnosdav	, November 21 ~ Presentation of the Blessed
weanesday	Virgin Mary
Rv 4:1-11	l; Lk 19:11-28
6:30 PM	
	Plaistow
	lovember 22 ~ Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
Rv 5:1-10); Lk 19:41-44
	No Mass
Friday, Nove	ember 23 ~ Clement I, Pope and Martyr;
Columban.	Abbot; Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr
	11; Lk 19:45-48
	No Mass
<u>Saturday, N</u>	ovember 24 ~ Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest, and
D	Companions, Martyrs
	12; Lk 20:27-40 (Day)
	14; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37 (Vigil) Mary Coltin by Colloon and Mark Hammond
4.00 PW	Mary Coltin by Colleen and Mark Hammond <i>Plaistow</i>
Sunday, No	vember 25 ~ Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of
	The Universe
Dn 7:13-1	14; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37
8:00 AM	Walter and Gladys Metcalf by their family
	Newton
10:00 AM	Howard Foster by his wife Joan and family
	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 <u>csmith@stluketheevangelist.net</u>.

☞ FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION ♥

CATECHUMEN

Please continue to pray for our Catechumen, Brent MacKenzie.

<u>RCIA</u>

The **<u>Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults</u>** 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 <u>csmith@stluketheevangelist.net</u>.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

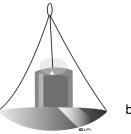
Are you an adult who has been Baptized and received Eucharist, but has not celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation? The adult Confirmation process is an opportunity to complete the Sacraments of Initiation. If you would like to prepare for Confirmation, or if you have questions, call Cathy Smith at 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.



The Sanctuary Candle in Holy Angels Church will burn this week in loving memory of **Paul O'Leary** by Colleen and Mark Hammond

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 Parish Prayer Line St. Vincent de Paul Society St. Luke's Food Pantry Preschool Presentation of Mary Convent 382-8324 382-8324 x 314 382-8324 x 315 819-4949 382-9783 382-2744 Fr. Albert Tremblay Cathy Smith Joyce Szapa Jackie Tremblay Thomas Kondel Val Barczak Youth Ministry Parish Council fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net csmith@stluketheevangelist.net jszczapa@stluketheevangelist.net jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net tkondel@stluketheevangelist.net mvmbarczak@comcast.net youth@stluketheevangelist.net parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net

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GIVING TREES

Giving Trees are located in the back of both churches. 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).

NH CATHOLIC CHARITIES UPDATE

NH Catholic Charities is honored to share that thanks to your generosity so far this year, you have empowered and brought hope to the lives of more than **105,900 children**, **teens, adults and elderly** across New Hampshire. They are the impoverished families on the brink of homelessness, the hopeless struggling with devastating mental health conditions and the elderly seeking to maintain independence. Visit www.cc-nh.org/impact to see more details on the lives you're touching.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

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

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

12:00 Noon on Tuesday, December 18 for BOTH the December 30 and January 6 bulletins

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

CULINARY JOB TRAINING PROGRAM At The New Hampshire Food Bank

The Recipe for Success team at the NH Food Bank is excited to announce that they have made a change to its FREE Culinary Job Training Program that allows them to better serve their students. There is no longer a set class schedule but rather rolling admissions. Students will be able to begin when the time is right for them! A revised curriculum allows Chefs and students to track their progress over the duration of the program. This helps students improve their skills and makes them marketable to food service employers of all types. For more information, contact NH Catholic Charities at 603-893-1971. This program is free of charge!

<u>TAI CHI</u>

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.

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 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!

NOTIFICATION OF DISMISSAL FROM THE CLERICAL STATE: PHILIP A. PETIT

(MANCHESTER) - declared Philip A. Petit dismissed from the clerical state and dispensed him from all obligations subsequent to sacred ordination. Mr. Petit's dismissal follows credible allegations of sexual abuse of minors and misconduct involving adults. By virtue of this decree, Mr. Petit has no faculties to act, function, or present himself as a priest.

Mr. Petit was ordained on April 26, 1980 and was assigned to St. Theresa Parish in Manchester, St. Joseph Parish in Dover, Guardian Angel Parish in Berlin, Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Merrimack, St. Aloysius Parish in Nashua, **Holy Angels Parish in Plaistow**, and Portsmouth Regional Hospital in Portsmouth. Mr. Petit was removed from ministry in 1986 and has had no permission to function as a priest since that time.

We encourage anyone with information pertaining to sexual abuse in the Church to report the information to law enforcement. For information about how to report abuse, harassment, or exploitation to the Church, to request counseling assistance and other services of the Office for Healing and Pastoral Care, or to learn more about how the Diocese of Manchester works to create a safe environment in all of our ministries, visit: www.catholicnh.org/safety.



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A HUGE THANK YOU to our entire Parish Community!!



This year's Christmas Craft Fair was once again an astounding success!!

While it is true the annual fair is our parish's most lucrative fund-raiser and making a nice chunk of change for the parish to use is the goal; ultimately, the most important outcomes are to have fun, and build connectedness amongst ourselves and the community at large.

Well, we accomplished all that! We had FUN! We built stronger bonds as brothers & sisters. We got to know one another a little better. Our vendors and fair-goers from the surrounding communities, likewise, were smiling, connecting, and having a good time. In the hustle and bustle of life, is there anything more important than reaching out to one another?

We are one body and we are many parts. This fair would not work without ALL the parts: big or small. Without the table that brings in the most money or the one that brings in the least, without those who set up the tables or those who 'run' the tables, without those who make the chop suey, eat the chop suey or, clean up the chop suey, whether we are 100, 50, or 10 years old, there is a place for everyone and everyone's contribution is valued, seen & unseen.

A MILLION thank yous to the following people who did something to help the fair that we are aware of, big and small; we are so grateful. And for those of you not listed below, who donated or did something to help our fair anonymously, to you, we are especially grateful.

Alice Litwinovich Alivia Melino-Getz Andrea Comeau Andy Bufano Ann Marie Sheehan April Caporizzo Ashley Desjardins Barbara Brotz **Barbara Lawrence** Betty O'Hara **Beverly Viglione Bill Sullivan Bob Harb Bob King Bob Litwinovich Bob Nadeau Bonnie Lajoie Brent Mackenzie Brian Guilmette Brian Lessard Carole Burke** Catherine O'Brien Cathy Cronin Cathy Smith Ceara Hunt **Cheryl Kyricopoulos Claudia Maciel** Colin Mainella **Collette Ferrandi** Dan Lane Dan Llyod Dan Sullivan **Danielle Genovese Danielle Kelly David Peterson David Touhey**

Debbie Thompson Deborah Winslow Diane Lozeau Donna Desjardins Dot Lane Ed Murphy **Elaine Kindler** Faith Kelly **Father Albert** Frances Harper Francis Blinn **Francine Halfer** Francine Hart Gail Collins **Glenn Hughes** Grace Bukowski Grace Daly **Heather Pratt** Jack Borisko **Jack Cote** Jack Ronan Jackie Tremblay James Glendye Jane Clubert Janice Bettencourt Jean Hennessey Jean Lanctot Jean Llyod Jean Martin Jeanne Marcinkowski Jeanne Sullivan Jeannette Wuerdemann Jenifer Maclean Jennifer Lyons Jim Edwards Joanne Carbone

JoAnne Consentino Joe Klinazewski John Mainella **Joseph Sheehan** Joyce Szczapa June Burton **Justine Caron** Kacilvnn Hunt Karen Hoppler Kaylin Hennessey Laura Metellus Linda Langlais Lorraine Sanborn Maggie Sullivan Marci Marciano **Margaret Madeiros** Marge Anderson Maria Ferrandi Marie Farren Martha Healey Mary Monk Mary Walsh Matt Matson Matt Passeri Maureen Connolly Michael Kelly Mike Barczak Mike Rosa Mike Tremblay **Nick Ferrandi** Pam Borisko Pat Zakiewicz Paul Caron Paul Maciel Paula Fournier Peggy Connors

Pete Sullivan **Ray Viglione Renee Donnelly Rich Healey Richard Burke Robert Hoppler Robin Thompson Rory Lajoie Rudy Ferrandi** Sandi Pigott Sandra Estabrook Sandra Krajewski Sandra Nadeau Santa Claus Sarah Matson Sr. Doris Ducharme Sr. Holly Gauthier Sr. Marylyn Pelletier Stephanie Stanely Stephen Fournier Sue Richard Susan Mokray Suzanne Touhev Tatiana Valdez Terri Karavedas Terri Mottram The Borgesi Family The Chambers Family The Hunt Family The Knights of Columbus The Lajoie Family The Lamere Family **Tom Collins** Tom Cronin Trish Mainella Val Barczak



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.



Weekly Discussion Questions

For the Parish Bulletin Life Question: What worries you? Gospel Question: What gives you hope?

LIFE AND GOSPEL QUESTIONS BY AGE LEVEL

Exploring the Sunday Readings (Adults) What do you do to rekindle courage and hope, when things fall apart? Visit exploringthesundayreadings.com

Visions (Grades 7-8)

Life Question: What would you do if you knew today was your last day? Gospel Question: How does Jesus' friendship last?

Venture (Grades 4-6) Life Question: What are you afraid of? Gospel Question: What is scary about Jesus coming again?

Good News (Grades 2-3) Life Question: How do I show love at home? At school? For my friends? Gospel Question: Why did Jesus send the Holy Spirit?

Promise (Grades K-1) Life Question: What do you talk to God about? Gospel Question: Who made the world?

Seeds (Preschool) Life Question: Name some of your feelings. Gospel Question: How close is God to us?

About the Gospel

This Sunday's Gospel is a reminder we should prepare for Jesus' coming every day. Jesus tells us that we don't know when he will return, so we must be ready at all times.

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

In Church

Pay attention during Mass to see how the priest prepares the altar-and all of us-for Jesus' coming to us in Holy Communion.

Family Prayer

Help us, Lord, to make loving choices every day as we wait for your return.

Acerca del Evangelio

El Evangelio de este domingo nos recuerda que debemos prepararnos para la venida de Jesús todos los días. Jesús nos dice que no sabemos cuándo regresará y debemos estar preparados siempre.

Visita www.usccb.org/bible/readings para leer las lecturas de este domingo.

En la Iglesia

Presta atención durante la misa para ver cómo el sacerdote prepara el altar, y a todos, para la venida de Jesús a nosotros en la Sagrada Comunión.

Oración en familia

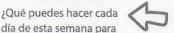
Señor, ayúdanos a elegir cosas amorosas todos los días mientras esperamos que vuelvas.

Pregunta de la semana

demostrar que Jesús es

tu corazón?

bienvenido en tu hogar y en





Rincon de la Familia

Family Corner

Gospel



day this week to show

Jesus he is welcome in

your home and heart?





✤ 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

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Looking for God's Signs

By Mary Katharine Deeley

used to work with someone who was L very patient with those he met and rarely expressed anger in public. But as I got to know him better, I began to recognize the small signs he gave off when he was irritated. His lips tightened. He would start drumming his fingers or moving his foot when seated. When that happened, we all knew to leave him alone as he worked out what he wanted to do. We also could act as sounding boards, helping him see different ways of looking at things. I thought this sign-seeing only went one way until one day he so accurately described what I do

Sunday Readings

Daniel 12:1-3

Those with insight shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament.

Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

But this one offered one sacrifice for sins, and took his seat forever at the right hand of God.

Mark 13:24-32

[Jesus said,] "And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory."

when I start feeling stressed out that it made me laugh. I thought I hid my stress very well, and I probably did to those who didn't work with me every day.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus talks about the signs that will precede the coming of the Son of Man. He quotes the prophet Daniel, and the signs are disturbing: the sun will darken and the stars will fall. Such apocalyptic images (referring to the end times) are often found in times of persecution. This passage was written close to the destruction of the Temple by the Romans and encourages readers to remain faithful in what seems like end times because Christ will come again.

Of course, not everyone has faith or finds hope in what they see. The question posed to us-to all-is this: "Have we been with Christ long enough to know and see the signs that he will come again, or do we need to pay closer attention to him?" +

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A Word from Pope Francis

If in the course of the liturgical year a parish priest speaks about temperance ten times but only mentions charity or justice two or three times, an imbalance results....The same thing happens when we speak more about law than about grace, more about the Church than about Christ.





- Are you paying attention to the signs of God at work in your life?
- What are some of those signs that God is in our midst?



Fixing Our Eyes on God

By Kathy Coffey

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God (Matthew 5:8).

Let's use comparisons to better understand this beatitude. For instance, think of what's within a seed: sprout, stem, and flower. As the nineteenthcentury Indian poet Mirza Ghalib writes: "Hidden in this image is also its end." The final act is there at the beginning: the overture contains all the musical themes; the process unfolds with a mysterious but natural logic to a predictable conclusion.

One example comes from the life of Dorothy Day. Pushing her baby brother in his carriage through the Chicago tenements, she discovered the major theme of her life: compassion for the poor. Despite an obstacle course that might make lesser souls waver, she persisted in establishing the Catholic Worker movement and its hospitality houses. She suffered jail time for her insistence on nonviolence, remaining faithful to unpopular stands. Always her closeness to Christ was the foundation for her passionate commitments to justice and peace.

In just such a natural unfolding, the clean of heart will some day look with joy into the face of God. Throughout their lives, they have cherished this hope and put other things aside because they have set their sights on God. With eyes fixed on what matters most, they forget to fret about themselves.

Our Shining Model

During this process, which is often costly, their shining model is Jesus. At the heart of his being, the core of consciousness was Abba. The image of his Father brought him such joy that he could endure a difficult life and a tortured death. When the disciples misunderstood him, the people hounded him, the religious authorities tormented him, and the Roman soldiers beat him, he held fast to one thing that sustained him: union with God.

If we want a picture of the clean of heart, we need look no further than Jesus. He had an inner freedom from the self-defensive, clinging postures that often define us. When we feel insecure, we act out of fear or a sense of scarcity. *"Better grab my slice of the pie,"* we reason. *"There's not enough to go around."* As long as we're shoring up our shaky egos, we don't much care about others we're pushing around or ignoring in the process.

But Jesus acts always from the clean center, the sure knowledge given to the loyal son in the Prodigal Son parable: "Everything I have is yours" (Luke 15:31).

The good news is, he wants us to share his experience. He wants us to have his clean heart and interior serenity. "I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me" (John 17:24). He wants us to soar, to shine.

Clarity of Vision

If you meet people who are clean of heart, you'll recognize the attributes of Jesus. They can shrug off assaults on their turf; they don't get angry about trivia. Often they have a marvelous sense of humor. They can be relaxed about things that don't matter because they know what does matter. They are firmly focused on the pursuit of God's reign. Serving God is so important that they toss aside things the rest of us clutch: personal comfort, career success, financial security.

And we who are saddled with obligations and cluttered with possessions: How do we become clean of heart? We could start by looking at two modern barometers of commitment: the calendar and the checkbook. Where have we placed our time and treasure? Where have we channeled our energies? Do our gifts serve God's mission? +



Help me to trust you. From Grateful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeny

WEEKDAY	Monday	Weekday: Rv 1:1–4; 2:1–5 / Lk 18:35–43	Thursday	St. Cecilia: Rv 5:1–10 / Lk 19:41–44
READINGS November 19-24	Tuesday	<i>Weekday</i> : Rv 3:1–6, 14–22 / Lk 19:1–10	Friday	<i>Weekday:</i> Rv 10:8–11 / Lk 19:45–48
	Wednesday	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Rv 4:1–11 / Lk 19:11–28	Saturday	St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions: Rv 11:4–12 / Lk 20:27–40



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