



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, January 27, 2019
Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time

4:00 PM
8:00 AM

Gathering: Sing A New Song BB 544

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 63)

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

Preparation Remember Your Love BB 662

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion Gift Of Finest Wheat BB 323
Bread Of Life BB 321

Recessional: Lord, You Give The Great Commission
BB 382

10:00 AM

Gathering: Glory And Praise To Our God BB 546

Dismissal: You Have Called Us BB 644

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 19)

*Lord, you have the words of
everlasting life.*

Preparation We Are The Light Of The World BB 597
Servant Song BB 376

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion We Are Many Parts BB 583
Bread, Blessed And Broken BB 328

Recessional: Sing A Joyful Song BB 538



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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.

✠ 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
JANUARY 20, 2019
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 (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

January 27, 2019 No Second Collection
February 3, 2019 Property Management
February 10, 2019 Catholic Schools
February 17, 2019 Fuel

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.

ATTENTION ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, LECTORS, AND ALTAR SERVERS:

It is time to prepare Schedules for March through May. (This includes Ash Wednesday which is March 5. It also includes the Easter services from Palm Sunday, April 14, to Easter Sunday, April 21, for which Father will do sign ups after Masses.) If there are any times at which you cannot serve or when you would really like to serve please let me know by **February 11**. Contact me at 382-4760 or jmsul@myfairpoint.net. Please remember to include your ministry and Mass time in your message. Please let me know your availability and desires for the Easter services (even though there will be sign-ups at Church) in case I need to make phone calls. Thanks, as always, for your help. *Happy New Year!* *Jeanne*

From the Pastor's Desk



HOLY ANGELS CEMETERY CLOSING

Holy Angels Cemetery in Plaistow is now closed 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.

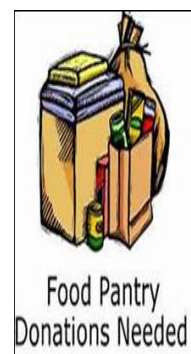
FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

If you would like an "end of year" financial statement of your contributions to the parish for 2018, please call the Parish Office at 382-8324. **Financial Statements are issued on a request only basis.**

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

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 WINTER...

We appreciate all of you who remember to send in your Parish Offertory during the Winter even when on vacation or visiting other parishes. Thank you for remembering that our expenses also continue through the Winter months. We invite others to consider doing the same before or even after you return home.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Sunday, January 27

10:00 AM	Religious Ed – PreK to 8	<i>Plaistow</i>
11:00 AM	Confirmation Meeting for Parents & Students (Grades 6, 7, 8)	<i>Plaistow</i>
12:00 PM	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	<i>Plaistow</i>

Wednesday, January 30
HOLY ANGELS CHURCH OPEN
ALL DAY FOR PRAYER

Thursday, January 31

8:30 AM	Adoration Begins	<i>Newton</i>
9:00 AM	Intercessory Prayer	<i>Plaistow</i>
8:30 PM	Adoration Ends	<i>Newton</i>

Saturday, February 2

3:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation	<i>Plaistow</i>
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Sunday, February 3

10:00 AM	Religious Ed – PreK to 8	<i>Plaistow</i>
11:00 AM	Baptism Catechesis	<i>Plaistow</i>
11:00 AM	Confirmation Session	<i>Plaistow</i>

ST. ANDREW DINNERS

An invitation to **young men, ages 14-18**, who are considering a vocation to the priesthood or would simply like help hearing the Lord's call for their life, to an evening of prayer, conversation with the Vocations Team, and dinner on **February 8** from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Joseph House, 279 Cartier Street, Manchester, NH. There will be a dinner on **February 15** for men ages **19-24** and on **February 22** for men ages **25+**. RSVP to rvinson@rcbm.org or 663-0153 if you would like to attend.

**St. Vincent
de Paul
Society**



The generosity of your contributions have allowed us to help out those in need with rent, medical, and heating oil assistance. The St. Vincent de Paul Society is so grateful and blessed.

Our next meeting on **Wednesday, March 20 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, January 26 ~ Vigil / 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4, 14-21

4:00 PM Vincent Dowd by his family
Plaistow

Sunday, January 27 ~ Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4, 14-21

8:00 AM Virginia Haynes by Jim and Mary Anne Downs
Newton

10:00 AM In Thanksgiving to St. Michael the Archangel
Plaistow

Monday, January 28 ~ Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30

8:00 AM Joseph Thompson (Birthday Remembrance) by his wife Robin and family
Newton

Tuesday, January 29 ~ Weekday

Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35

8:00 AM Rosemary Duhamel by Edward Duhamel
Plaistow

Wednesday, January 30 ~ Weekday

Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20

6:30 PM Phyllis Richardson by Eleanor Feuer
Plaistow

Thursday, January 31 ~ John Bosco, Priest

Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25

8:00 AM People of the Parish
Newton

Friday, February 1 ~ Weekday

Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34

No Mass

Saturday, February 2 ~ The Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 (Day)

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Lk 4:21-30 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Domenica Buggea by her family
Plaistow

Sunday, February 3 ~ Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Lk 4:21-30

8:00 AM John and Mary Madore by their family
Newton

10:00 AM D. Jesslyn Driscoll by her 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 csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

✠ FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION ✠

BLESSING OF COUPLES

There will be a special blessing of couples at the conclusion of all Liturgies on the weekend of **February 9-10**. Please pray for those married among us and remember those preparing to be married as well.

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, February 3, 2019** 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.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating an anniversary in 2019 of **10, 15, 20, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 55+ years**, to attend the **Spring Wedding Anniversary Mass**. This celebration will be held on **Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 2:00 PM at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester**. To register, please contact your parish office **by February 1, 2019**. The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all registrants will receive an invitation to this special celebration. Couples celebrating anniversaries of 5, 25, or 50 years will be asked to register later for a fall celebration. To all other married couples, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at this spring's Wedding Anniversary Mass!



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

DIOCESAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Manchester are currently registering students for the 2019-2020 academic year. Parishioners who are planning to register at Catholic Schools should contact the school directly for information. A subsidized tuition rate is available for qualified parishioners for elementary and middle schools. In order to be eligible for the tuition subsidy, a family must be (a) registered in a Parish for at least a year prior to the school year; (b) be contributing members of the Parish; and (c) be involved in the Parish Community. Each school has information about this reduced rate; you can also contact the Parish Office for more information.

ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

St. Joseph Regional Catholic School in Salem is hosting an Open House on **Sunday, January 27 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM.** Questions? Contact Christine at clatino@sjrcs.com.

SACRED HEARTS SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sacred Hearts School in Bradford, MA will hold an OPEN HOUSE on **Tuesday January 29, 2019 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and 6:30 to 7:30 PM.** They are currently enrolling students entering Grades 1-8. Sacred Hearts offers a comprehensive faith based program that is supported by a caring community and trademarked by proven academic excellence. In addition to the Core Curriculum, students are offered a full complement of Integrated Arts every week. Foreign Language begins in Grade 5. The Sacred Hearts School "experience" is enriched with extensive extra- curricular offerings. The Before and After School Care opens at 7:00 AM and closes at 6:00 PM. Visit www.sacredheartsbradford.org or call for a tour at 978-372-5451.

WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish Office, Holy Angels Cemetery Office, Saint Luke Food Pantry and the Parish Liturgical schedule complies with the longstanding inclement weather policy of Saint Luke Religious Education Program and Holy Angels Pre-School-Kindergarten: **If the Timberlane and/or Sanborn regional school districts close because of inclement weather, ALL Parish Offices and Parish programs will be closed or suspended. All activities by any Parish or non-Parish groups will be cancelled for that day/evening on both campuses.** In the event of a weather related closing, the scheduled weekday Liturgy will not be held and the intention (if any) will be moved to a conveniently available date. **Sunday (or Saturday evening) liturgies can never be cancelled, but all are advised to use prudence when deciding to travel to Church during winter storms.**

HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Rockingham VNA & Hospice is offering comprehensive Hospice volunteer training beginning on **February 11, 2019.** Classes will be held at Rockingham VNA & Hospice, 137 Epping Road, Exeter, NH. To register, or for more information, call Martha Carlson, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator, at 772-2981 or 800-540-2981, ext. 8949.

**ROSARY / FAMILY PRAYER HOUR
LED BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The St Jude Council of the Knights of Columbus leads a rosary on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at Mary, Mother of the Church in Newton. The Knights also lead a Family Prayer Hour which includes a Rosary on the 3rd Thursday of each month, also starting at 7:00 PM at Mary, Mother of the Church in Newton. There are some quiet activities for the younger children during the Family Prayer Hour. The Knights invite all members of the parish to join them to pray the rosary and to participate in the Family Prayer Hour.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ST JUDE COUNCIL # 6617
GIVE YOUR PARISH COMMUNITY
1 HOUR A MONTH**

The Knights of Columbus are a vital and vibrant part of the St Luke the Evangelist Parish. We welcome any practicing Catholic man 18 or older to come join the Knights, whose main purposes are charitable works in support of our parish and community. Joining is simple – talk to a brother Knight or you can now join online by going to www.kofc.org/joinus. Your Council is involved in many activities from collecting money for people with intellectual disabilities through the Tootsie Roll drive to the annual St Jude Golf Open which raises money for parish families in need. **Our annual St Patrick's Day Dinner is fast approaching on March 16.** Volunteers are needed to help set up and meet brother Knights. The Council runs many other activities such as a semi-annual blood drive, providing meals for the food pantry on Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. The list is as long as you want it to be. Do you have a certain passion you would like to get involved in? Come join us and make it a reality. We are Catholic men. We live by principles informed by faith. We are sons, fathers, husbands, and grandfathers. Join us on life's greatest adventure to discover the man God calls you to be. Now is the best time to join the Knights. Feel free to call Dan Sullivan (603-770-4803), email him (dans49@comcast.net), or catch him at the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass in Newton. www.kofc.org/un/en/todays-knights/what-we-do.html

WELCOME!!!!

WOMEN AND MEN FOR BREAKFAST



PRAYER - STOP

Please join us for a reflection and talk by Sr. Deborah, osf, on Saturday, February 9, at 9 a.m., with a snow date of February 16, in the Church Hall. We will come together for breakfast, a talk, and faith sharing. We will close our sharing by 12 noon. If you are interested in attending, please e-mail the office at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net by **Monday, February 4**, or call the office at 382-8324.

(There will be a free will offering that will be donated to The Little Sisters of Saint Francis.)

What are...

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

*Bishop Thomas J. Tobin
Diocese of Youngstown in Ohio*

THEOLOGICAL/HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

In 1971 extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist were first permitted in the United States. At that time the Congregation of the Sacraments responded to a request of the American bishops to allow laypersons to assist priests in giving Holy Communion.

In January 1973, Pope Paul VI, in the instruction "Immensae Caritatis," extended this permission to the universal Church. He wrote: "Present-day conditions demand that greater access to Holy Communion should be made possible so that the faithful, by sharing more fully in the fruits of the sacrifice of the Mass, might dedicate themselves more readily and effectively to God and to the good of the Church. First of all, provision must be made lest reception become impossible or difficult owing to a lack of a sufficient number of ministers."

The institution of this ministry responds to the condition in the Church today whereby Catholics are encouraged to share in communion at every Eucharist in which they participate, and under both species, and the large number of persons who are coming forward to partake of the body and blood of Christ.

In any parish, qualified persons who have been nominated for service as extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist must receive mandate from the Diocesan bishop. The pastor forwards the names of the persons to the bishop asking that they be named for service as extraordinary ministers. This requirement distinguishes the extraordinary minister of the Eucharist from other liturgical ministers and emphasizes the extraordinary nature of this ministry.

Extraordinary ministers are commissioned to function within their own parish for a period of three years. The commission expires after three years or if the person moves away from his or her parish. The commission is

renewable by again requesting the endorsement from the bishop. Commissioning should take place during a parish celebration according to the rite provided in the Book of Blessings. The commission may be revoked by the pastor if the individual no longer fulfills the requirements for this ministry established below.

RESPONSIBILITY/PURPOSE

"Extraordinary ministers may distribute Holy Communion at Eucharistic celebrations only when there are no ordained ministers present or when those ordained ministers present at a liturgical celebration are truly unable to distribute Holy Communion. They may also exercise this function at Eucharistic celebrations where there are particularly large numbers of the faithful and which would be excessively prolonged because of an insufficient number of ordained ministers to distribute Holy Communion." (Instruction on Certain Questions Regarding the Collaboration of the Non-Ordained Faithful in the Sacred Ministry of Priests)

Extraordinary ministers are also used in order that the sick or homebound may receive communion with the frequency recommended in the revised rite for the *Pastoral Care of the Sick*. Any person who regularly takes communion to the sick is to be trained and commissioned. An individual may be commissioned for only this aspect of the ministry or may perform this service within the Eucharistic assembly. To establish the connection between the Sunday assembly and the homebound and sick of the parish, extraordinary ministers ideally are sent from the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist to take communion to them.

SELECTION/DISCERNMENT

Extraordinary ministers are to be fully initiated Catholics (having received Baptism, Eucharist & Confirmation, be at least 16 years of age, and lead lives in harmony with the undertaking of this ministry including participating in the sacramental life of the Church. If married, a Minister must have been married validly in the Catholic Church. The Pastor, Parish staff, and Pastoral Council assist in discerning parishioners to fulfill this ministry.

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The Gospel for All Ages

Family Catechesis

Gospel Weeklies
FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time • January 27, 2019 • Jesus Is God's Anointed
Sunday Readings: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Weekly Discussion Questions

For the Parish Bulletin

Life Question: Who inspires you to be a person of justice?

Gospel Question: How does Jesus fulfill Israel's scriptures?

LIFE AND GOSPEL QUESTIONS BY AGE LEVEL

Exploring the Sunday Readings (Adults)

How many people brought you the Gospel before you finally heard it for yourself? How do you bring Gospel to others?

Visit exploringthesundayreadings.com

Visions (Grades 7-8)

Life Question: Who handed on to you the Good News of Jesus?

Gospel Question: How does Jesus fulfill the words of the prophet Isaiah and bring Good News to the poor?

Venture (Grades 4-6)

Life Question: If you decide to write your life story, what stories will you tell?

Gospel Question: How do we bring people Good News the way Jesus does?

Good News (Grades 2-3)

Life Question: What dreams do you have for yourself?

Gospel Question: What good news does Jesus bring to our world?

Promise (Grades K-1)

Life Question: Who is a good neighbor to you?

Gospel Question: What does Jesus' neighborhood look like?

Seeds (Preschool)

Life Question: What good news do you have to share?

Gospel Question: What Good News does Jesus share?

Family Corner

About the Gospel

In Sunday's Gospel, we learn that Jesus proclaimed himself as the anointed one when he said, "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

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

In Church

Anointing reminds us of the oils used in the sacraments. Look around your church to see if you can spot the ambry where the holy oils are kept.

Question of the Week

Do you ever doubt what Jesus said or did? How do you handle this doubt?

Family Prayer

Dear Lord, we do believe. Help us in our unbelief (see Mark 9:24).

Rincón de la Familia

Acerca del Evangelio

En el Evangelio del domingo, aprendemos que Jesús se proclamó como el ungido cuando dijo: "Hoy mismo se ha cumplido este pasaje de la Escritura que acaban de oír."

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

En la Iglesia

La unción nos recuerda los óleos que se usan en los sacramentos. Mira dentro de la iglesia para ver si puedes encontrar la crismera donde se guardan los santos óleos.

Pregunta de la semana

¿Alguna vez tuviste alguna duda de lo que dijo o hizo Jesús? ¿Cómo manejaste esta duda?

Oración en familia

Querido Dios, sí creemos. Ayúdanos en nuestra incredulidad (ver Marcos 9, 24).

✠ 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.

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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.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

“Extraordinary ministers may distribute Holy Communion at Eucharistic celebrations only when there are no ordained ministers present or when those ordained ministers present at a liturgical celebration are truly unable to distribute Holy Communion....” (Instruction on Certain Questions Regarding the Collaboration of the Non-Ordained Faithful in the Sacred Minister of Priests. Extraordinary ministers are also used in order that the sick or homebound may receive communion with the frequency recommended in the revised rite for the *Pastoral Care of the Sick*.)

Extraordinary ministers are to be fully initiated Catholics (having received Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation), be at least 16 years of age, and lead lives in harmony with the undertaking of this ministry, including participating in the sacramental life of the church. If married, a Minister must have been married validly in the Catholic Church. The Pastor, Parish staff, and the Pastoral Council assist in discerning parishioners to fulfill this ministry. For more information, see Fr. Albert.



Bringing Home the Word

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 27, 2019

Appreciating God's Word

By Mary Katharine Deeley

In the days of the exile in Babylon, the Jews were unable to practice their religion, to gather as a community, or to hear the words of the Torah, which had so guided them in their lives as a people of God. I have always been taken by the description of this reading of the Law in Nehemiah, which occurs shortly after their return from exile. As Ezra reads, the people weep, rejoicing because they were hearing God's words to them as though for the first time and were overjoyed because God had brought them back home. I can't say I

have ever wept at the beauty and power of Scripture when it is read at Mass, nor have I seen others do so. When we haven't been deprived of a treasure, we sometimes take it for granted and fail to appreciate the gift that it is.

In the Gospel, Jesus reads the words of Isaiah and declares to those in the synagogue that the words have been fulfilled. The people's reaction, which we hear as Luke 4 continues (next week), simply is not the same. Throughout our own lives, we have reacted to the comfort and challenge of the Gospel in different ways at different times. Sometimes we may be touched by what we hear, but I wonder if we often do not allow God's word to affect us as much as it could. Maybe today we can really open ourselves to what the Lord has to say in the sacred stories. Maybe today we can recognize the true value of God's revelation, care, and call to us in the Bible. +

Sunday Readings

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

[Ezra said,] "Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not lament, do not weep!"

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free.

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

[Jesus] stood up to read: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."

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A Word from Pope Francis

We have before us Jesus hidden yet present in the Eucharist....On the altar, we worship the flesh of Jesus; in these our brothers and sisters, we encounter the wounds of Jesus. The Christian adores Jesus, the Christian seeks Jesus, the Christian can recognize the wounds of Jesus.

—Greeting the sick
at Fátima,
May 13, 2017



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- Do I make time to read Scripture outside of Mass?
- When I read Scripture, do I take time to contemplate what the Lord is telling me with the words I read?

Becoming Like Children

By Kathy Coffey

[Jesus said,] “Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself...is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 18:3–4).

This scene captures the essence of this Scripture passage: A girl about age three, naked, runs into the surf at a beach. Her parents cheer, the sun spills liquid honey into the sea, the seagulls sweep overhead in graceful arcs. She spreads her arms as if to embrace the ocean and squeals with delight as foam brushes tiny toes.

Huddled on a towel beneath a straw hat, I admire her free abandon. “Become like one of these,” says Jesus. At that moment, I can see why.

When Jesus asks us to become like children, we get a bit queasy. We remember the bullies of our childhood, the sense of powerlessness, our dependence on caregivers who might or might not honor that trust.

When we relive childhood now, it’s not always pleasant. Placing ourselves in situations where we’re clueless restores the pain of the lost child. Being the awkward new kid in the advanced class or maneuvering in a strange vocabulary, we panic. When we’ve never heard of the disease we have or buy a house not knowing an escrow from an easement,



we wobble as insecurely as toddlers.

But by the same token, when we respond to touching music, smell a hyacinth, or notice a cloud castle, we’re in that magic childhood zone.

The Real Deal

One more obstacle to misunderstanding this passage might be the cute

stereotypes of children that abound in the media. Those sweetsy types must be concocted by people who don’t know the genuine article. Contrast the saccharine with the Real Deal. Real children ask excruciating questions that adults deem “impolite.” They get wildly excited about stuff that leaves us blasé.

Jesus knew the Real Deal because he welcomed them. Children must have been instinctively drawn to him. They crawled all over him with snotty noses, grubby shirts, and unedited ramblings. Furthermore, he knew childhood from the inside: his own, direct experience of being heartbreakingly vulnerable.

Jesus came to earth quietly, humbly, as a child, without fanfare or prestige. He matured, as most children do, “in wisdom, age, and grace,” as part of an outwardly ordinary family. In doing so, he blessed all children; all adults who honor the child within; all bumbling, imperfect human families. Knowing that Jesus probably spilled some grape juice,

we can forget the misconception that in family life, holy = perfect.

Parent-Child Bond

In modeling the finest parts of childhood, what we are trying to do is recapture that free abandon, that total trust that comes from knowing God as dear parent. If God loves us and looks out for every need, can’t we throw ourselves into God’s arms?

If we become like children, we can leave behind our adult hesitations, not lugging the laundry list of our wrongs. We know all is forgiven. Saint Thérèse of Lisieux spoke of casting herself on God as she would on her beloved papa: sleeping fearlessly in his arms, hiding her face in his hair.

One of the devastating stories that surfaced following the 2004 tsunami described parents whose children were torn from their arms by the force of the waves. People worldwide could relate to that tragedy and ache for such a loss. Similarly, if we are separated from our childlike selves, we are wrenched from so much: all that is best in us, our proper relationship to God, and our hope for the future. +



*Lord, you created all people equal.
Open my eyes to recognize
the dignity of all people and
my heart to love unconditionally.*

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

WEEKDAY READINGS

January 28–February 2

Monday, St. Thomas Aquinas:
Heb 9:15, 24–28 / Mk 3:22–30

Tuesday, Weekday:
Heb 10:1–10 / Mk 3:31–35

Wednesday, Weekday:
Heb 10:11–18 / Mk 4:1–20

Thursday, St. John Bosco:
Heb 10:19–25 / Mk 4:21–25

Friday, Weekday:
Heb 10:32–39 / Mk 4:26–34

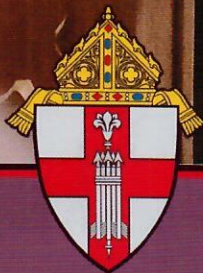
Saturday, Presentation of the Lord: Mal 3:1–4 /
Heb 2:14–18 / Lk 2:22–40 or Lk 2:22–32



A Call to *Hope,* A Call to *Act*

*A Pastoral Letter from Bishop Peter A. Libasci
to the people of the Diocese of Manchester*

January 16, 2019



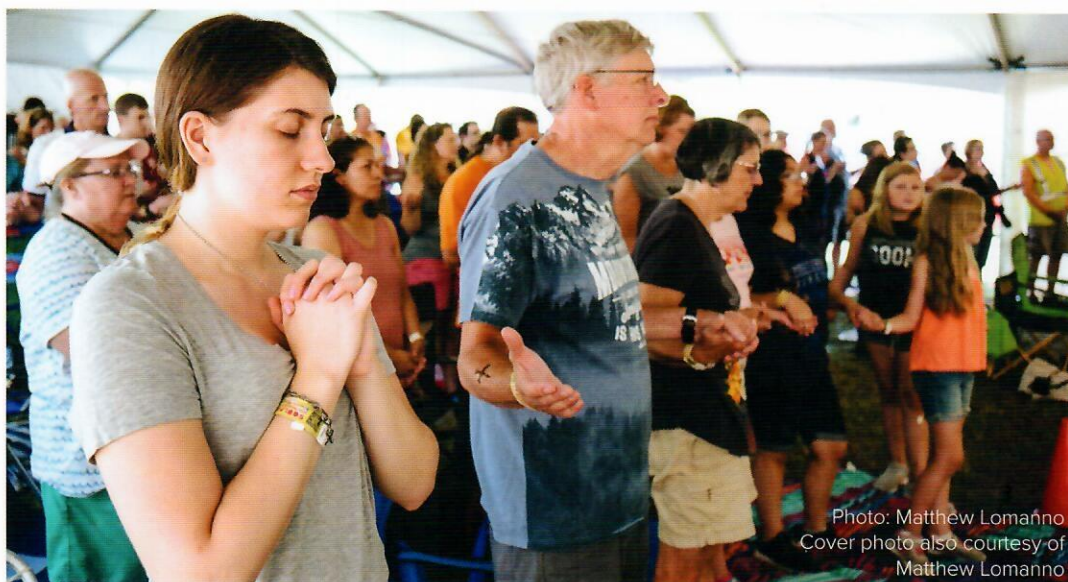


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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we transition from our year of prayer and preparation for implementing *Restore • Renew • Proclaim the Hope that is Christ*, now is a good time to reflect on where we have been and how we have been changed and transformed.

Our diocese has been in conversation and discussion for the past 13 years about lifelong faith formation and renewing sacramental preparation, including restoring the order of the sacraments of initiation. These discussions have included priests and parish leaders. During this past year, we have shared the fruits of those discussions with the parishes. I see a need for faith formation not confined to the formation of children but includes all life stages and ages. It is now time for us to give life to these discussions.

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catholicnh.org/lifelong

NEW WAYS OF SEEING AND DOING

There have been many blessings during the past year as well as many challenges. We are all entering the transition years with hope and excitement as well as some concerns. It will require new ways of seeing and doing what has been happening for many years in faith formation.

The heart of the initiative is to strengthen our commitment to lifelong faith formation in all our parishes, schools and home schools. We have things in place that will help make this a reality, but we realize there are still areas in which we need to improve. Pope Francis encourages us to accompany each other, reach out to those beyond our parish communities and recommit ourselves to living as missionary disciples. This is new for all of us. This process will take time, but will bear much fruit if we believe and trust that with God all things are possible. (Lk 1:37)

Some may want to remain in prayer and preparation mode, longing for more clarity, more certainty. However, just as Peter, James and John could

"The journey of faith is lifelong."

Bishop Peter A. Libasci

not remain on the mountaintop with Jesus, we, too, must come down from the mountain and be about the ministry of forming missionary disciples and evangelization. We continue to pray and prepare, but now is the time for action.

THE FAMILY & PARISH COMMUNITY

We are now experiencing a new pattern for celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation. As youth of all ages receive the graces of the sacrament, it will be important to continue to listen to their needs, questions, desires, hopes and challenges. Families will find support and encouragement in their parish communities to foster ongoing faith development within the home. All members of the parish community share the responsibility for handing on the faith by their presence and living as disciples of Jesus Christ. Listening to each other and joyfully sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ (*Evangelii Gaudium* #1) strengthens parish communities and builds up the Kingdom of God in our midst.

A LIFELONG JOURNEY TOGETHER

The journey of faith is lifelong. Like life itself, this journey is not always clearly defined or predictable. Accompanying each other is, therefore, very important. Like the disciples on the Road to Emmaus (Lk 24: 13-35), walking with each other provides an opportunity to care for one another, to see others in a new light and to grow in our understanding of people and situations.

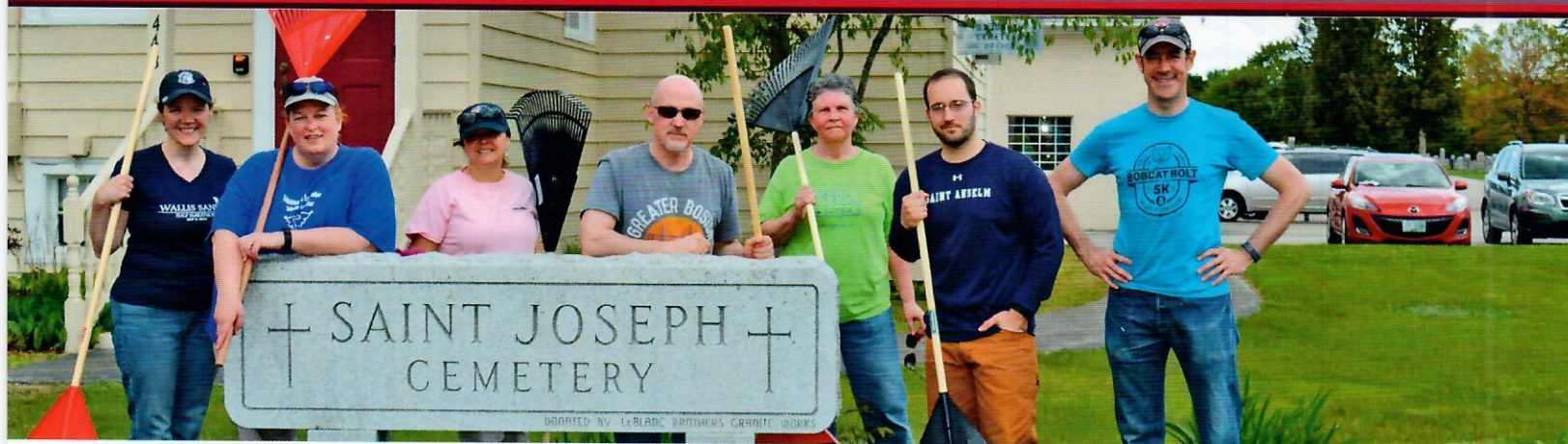
As we listen and walk with each other, we deepen our relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit dwelling within us. As we journey we face many de-

cisions about how we live in relationship with others and the direction of our lives. The Holy Spirit guides our discernment and gives us the gifts we need. We are open to these gifts when we gather to celebrate the sacraments, pray and share faith and practice the works of mercy.

ENRICHING EVANGELIZATION

Being rooted in a lifelong journey of faith within the local, diocesan and universal Church enriches our evangelization ministry; i.e., sharing of the Good News of Jesus Christ. Sustained by God's grace and supported by the faith community, our words and deeds witness to the foundation of our faith, namely "that in Jesus Christ, the Son of God made man, who died and rose from the dead, salvation is offered to all men, as a gift of God's grace and mercy." (*Evangelii Nuntiandi* #27) In light of this, our witness to and sharing of the Good News of Jesus Christ is central to the life and mission of the Church. Pope Benedict XVI put it this way, "The Church exists to evangelize." (Homily, Oct. 7, 2012)





TIME TO ACT

In conclusion, it is now time for us to act: to strengthen lifelong faith formation in our parishes, Catholic Schools and home schools and renew sacrament preparation in order that as the Church in New Hampshire we *Restore · Renew · Proclaim the Hope that is Christ* today and into the future.

To strengthen lifelong faith formation, the diocese will provide:

- Pastors and parish staff with resources to guide lifelong faith formation
- Catechetical leaders with continuing formation and training
- Families with ways to make your homes a little church and strengthen your Catholic faith in daily living
- Young adults and youth with regional and diocesan-wide events
- Early childhood catechetical resources and training
- Caregivers for elderly parents resources to support and help them fulfill their responsibilities and tasks

To renew sacrament preparation, the diocese will ensure that:

- Sacrament preparation guidelines are revised to reflect present day life situations
- Marriage preparation is receiving renewed emphasis diocesan wide and locally
- RCIA Teams receive ongoing formation and training
- Liturgical Ministers receive ongoing formation and training
- Baptism preparation is redeveloped and reflects lifelong faith formation

A SHARED MISSION

This initiative will flourish and bear good fruit through a more intentional acceptance of our baptismal call to live in union with the Trinity and with each other and to care for the most vulnerable. With the grace and guidance of the Holy Spirit, our relationships and everyday life events naturally form and transform us as a church and equip us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with joy.

It is obvious that our world is in need of and longing for the hope that is Christ. Bringing this hope to so many people is a shared responsibility that will only be fruitful if everyone is involved and committed. As disciples of Jesus Christ and the Church in New Hampshire, let us claim our shared mission and help people see and experience that Jesus is pertinent, that the sacraments are perpetual and that Christian life and death are the perfection of God's plan.

+ Rob Libacci