



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, March 17, 2019
Second Sunday of Lent

4:00 PM
8:00 AM

Gathering: Hold Us In Your Mercy

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 91)

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble; be with me, Lord, I pray.

Preparation I Have Loved You BB 603

Mass Parts Mass Of Christ The Savior

Communion The Supper Of The Lord BB 351
I Am The Living Bread BB 356

Recessional: *We depart in silence during Lent*

10:00 AM

Gathering: Hold Us In Your Mercy

Dismissal: You Have Called Us BB 646

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 91)

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble; be with me, Lord, I pray.

Preparation All My Days BB 585
Ashes BB 116

Mass Parts Mass Of Christ The Savior

Communion The Lord Is My Light BB 751
This Alone BB 403

Recessional: *We depart in silence during Lent*



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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!

March 3, 2019

Offertory	\$6,905.20
Property Management	\$1,982.53

Ash Wednesday

Churches in Europe/Africa	\$1,111.00
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March 10, 2019

Offertory	\$7,284.52
Easter Flowers	\$2,430.45

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. 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

March 17, 2019	Fuel
March 24, 2019	No Second Collection
March 31, 2019	CRS & Home Missions

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.

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER

Evening Prayer is sung at Newton at 6:00 PM on all Sundays of Lent. Join us for a quiet time of prayer and reflection. The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available immediately after Evening Prayer each Sunday of the Lenten Season.



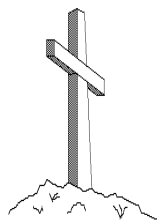
FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

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>

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will take place each Friday evening during Lent at 6:30 PM in Plaistow. A soup supper will follow Stations on Friday, April 5.



From the Pastor's Desk

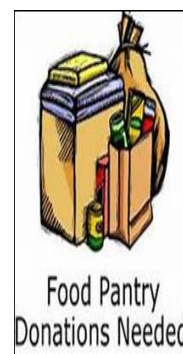


HOLY ANGELS CEMETERY CLOSED

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.

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 / SPRING...

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Sunday, March 17

10:00 AM	Religious Ed – PreK to 8	Plaistow
11:00 AM	Confirmation Session	Plaistow
6:00 PM	Vespers	Newton
6:30 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Newton

Tuesday, March 19

6:00 PM	Finance Council Meeting	Plaistow
7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Plaistow

Wednesday, March 20
HOLY ANGELS CHURCH OPEN
ALL DAY FOR PRAYER

7:00 PM	Disciples On The Journey	Plaistow
7:00 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting	Plaistow

Thursday, March 21

8:30 AM	Adoration Begins	Newton
9:00 AM	Intercessory Prayer	Plaistow
1:30 PM	Disciples On The Journey	Plaistow
8:30 PM	Adoration Ends	Newton

Friday, March 22

6:30 PM	Stations of the Cross	Plaistow
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Saturday, March 23

3:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Plaistow
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Sunday, March 24

10:00 AM	Religious Ed – PreK to 8	Plaistow
11:00 AM	Confirmation Session	Plaistow
12:00 PM	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	Plaistow
6:00 PM	Vespers	Newton
6:30 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Newton

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, March 16 ~ Vigil / Second Sunday of Lent
Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17—4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

4:00 PM Clara, Leo, and Edward McCusker
by Elaine Kelcourse
Plaistow

Sunday, March 17 ~ Second Sunday of Lent
Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17—4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

8:00 AM Mary Douglas by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Murphy
Newton

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

**Monday, March 18 ~ Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church**

Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

8:00 AM Barbara Tremblay by Grace Bukowski
Newton

**Tuesday, March 19 ~ Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed
Virgin Mary**

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Lk 2:41-51a

8:00 AM Jeannette Halko and Sr. Mary Malone
by Janice Bettencourt
Plaistow

Wednesday, March 20 ~ Lenten Weekday
Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

6:30 PM Mary Edwards by Jim Edwards
Plaistow

Thursday, March 21 ~ Lenten Weekday
Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

8:00 AM Barbara Tremblay by Gayle and Ed Wencis
Newton

Friday, March 22 ~ Lenten Weekday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43
No Mass

Saturday, March 23 ~ Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 (Day)

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Lucy, Joe, and Patrick Zakiewicz
by Pat Zakiewicz
Plaistow

Sunday, March 24 ~ Third Sunday of Lent
Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

8:00 AM David Coddling by Knights of Columbus
Newton

10:00 AM Sean Breen (10th Anniversary) by his 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.

MARCH 17, 2019

✠ FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION ✠



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

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, April 7, 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.

RICE BOWLS AVAILABLE

Operation Rice Bowl is the official Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services. Each Lent, parishes, schools and other faith communities participate in Operation Rice Bowl to learn more about the work of CRS and put their faith into action. Operation Rice Bowl provides funding to CRS for many third world projects that promote agricultural, nutritional and educational sufficiency. Additionally, Operation Rice Bowl supports local anti-poverty programs. Rice Bowls are available at the entrances of both Churches and are **due back by Holy Thursday, April 18**.



EASTER VIGIL RECEPTION

The Parish will host a reception following the Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday night, **April 20**. We are looking for helpers to set-up, serve, and clean up, for food donations (especially pastries – Lent will be over!), beverages, and other food donations. For more information please call the Parish Office at 382-8324 or email jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net.

ADORATION

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

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

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

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

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

✠ PARISH DIRECTORY ✠

Parish Office	382-8324
Parish Prayer Line	382-8324 x 314
St. Vincent de Paul Society	382-8324 x 315
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✠ Parish News ~ Youth News ~ Around The Diocese ✠

A TIME TO MOURN, A TIME TO DANCE

March 29-31, 2019

Marie Joseph Spiritual Center, Biddeford, ME

No matter how big or small the loss, the grieving process that follows raises the question: How is it possible to feel God's loving presence in the agony of grief? This weekend of companionship will attempt to respond to that question through sharing, quiet reflection, and healing experiences of prayer. You are invited to engage in a spiritual approach to address your losses that will uncover something profound about your relationship with God. For more information, or to register, call 1-207-284-5671 or go to www.mariejosephspiritual.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH UPDATE

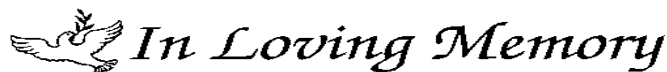
Catholic Charities New Hampshire is proud to share two recent highlights made possible because of your support of our Annual Appeal. First, we acquired The CareGivers, Inc, which provides transportation, groceries and other forms of vital support for homebound elderly and disabled New Hampshire residents. We look forward to building on these critical services. Secondly, our St. Charles School in Rochester just finished its first semester as a private special education provider, helping students harboring histories of toxic stress, trauma, and intense behavioral and emotional challenges to move toward futures based on hope and potential. To learn more about the impact of your gifts to Catholic Charities NH, visit www.cc-nh.org/impact.

AMAZON SMILE

AmazonSmile.com is the same market platform as Amazon.com, but with the added benefit of allowing customers to donate 0.5% of the price of items purchased to a charitable organization. Please register today to start shopping and donating at www.amazonsmile.com. For questions, please call the Parish Office at 603-382-8324. Be sure to choose: **St Luke the Evangelist Parish, Plaistow.**

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.**



In Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Thomas Cullen

**NH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ANNUAL PRO-LIFE SEMINAR**

The face of the respect life movement in New Hampshire will be on display on **Sunday, March 31, 2019** at **St. Joseph Cathedral Church Hall** in Manchester from **12:00 Noon until 4:00 PM**. The guest speaker will be Brother Knight Dennis Pedley from St. Gianna's Place in Londonderry. In addition, representatives from several pro-life organizations will be there with information tables. Some of those in attendance will be New Hampshire Right to Life, 40 Days for Life, Cornerstone, and Natural Family Planning, along with Pregnancy Care Centers. It all begins at 12:00 PM with a free will offering luncheon hosted by the Daughters of Isabella. The speaking program begins at 12:45 PM when you will hear from some of the agencies present. There will be a break before the guest speaker's presentation to afford time to visit the information tables. This is an opportunity to enrich, educate and motivate yourselves in the different ways in which you can help build a culture of life in New Hampshire. **Registration deadline is Wednesday, March 27, 2019.** Please contact Ron Di Stasio by email at rddistasio@comcast.net or phone at 603-595-7837.

**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 join the Knights, whose main purpose is charitable works in support of our parish and community. Joining is simple – talk to a brother Knight or you can now join on-line. Go 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. 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. Feel free to call Dan Sullivan at 603-770-4803, email him at dans49@comcast.net, or catch him at the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass in Newton. For more information about the Knights, go to www.kofc.org/un/en/todays-knights/what-we-do.html

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



The Voice

Lord,
you established a covenant
with Abraham
and promised him that his descendants
would outnumber the stars.
You spoke and Abraham listened
to your voice.
Throughout your relationship,
there were difficulties and doubts,
which brought confusion and uncertainty
to your servant.
We also listen to your voice,
and hear you proclaim “This is my
chosen Son, listen to him.”
Allow us to draw near to your Word
especially in our times of doubt and
misunderstanding,
so that we may find the clarity
and peace
that only your Word can offer.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sunday, March 17, 2019

My Sacrifice



Today's Readings: Genesis 15:5–12, 17–18; Psalm 27:1, 7–8, 8–9, 13–14; Philippians 3:17–4:1; Luke 9:28b–36. Abram obeys the Lord's commands, and he is blessed. God gave him direction and guided him to a new place. Having chosen Abram, God invites him into a covenant relationship. God both initiates relationships and gives human beings a chance to respond. The ritual described is one of an ancient covenant. With awe of God, Abram enters into the covenant, and God promises Abram numerous descendants and land.

In the Gospel, Jesus chose three disciples to come away with him to the mountain. There, the disciples encounter the glory of God as they see an aspect of Jesus that no one had seen before. Peter wants tents to be made so that he

and the others can stay on the mountain, experiencing Jesus' glory. The Apostle does not understand what he has seen. God is going to call Peter to make a sacrifice. God proclaims, “This is my chosen Son; listen to him.” Does this allow Peter to better understand who Jesus is and who God is calling Peter to be?

When we listen to God and place the will of God first in our life, the reward is more than we can possibly imagine. How are you living as a disciple? Are you listening for the voice of God? During the next week of Lent, focus on what God is calling you to do and be in this moment of sacred history.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, March 18 Change of Heart

Lent is a time for a change of heart. The Gospel offers concrete examples of how to do this: by not passing judgment on others, by not being critical of others, by living with a forgiving and loving heart. We will be judged in the same manner that we respond to others. Challenge yourself to refrain from negative assessments today. *Today's Readings: Daniel 9:4–10; Psalm 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Luke 6:36–38.*

Tuesday, March 19 St. Joseph

Today we honor St. Joseph, husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus. In Scripture, Joseph is described as an upright and righteous man. Little detail is given about him, but his actions portrayed his faith. When the angel in his dream tells him to take Mary as his wife, he abandons his plan to divorce her quietly. Obediently, he also names the child Jesus, just as the angel told him. There are times we do not understand the plan God sets before us. Let us pray today to seek God's will. *Today's Readings: 2 Samuel 7:4–5, 12–14, 16; Psalm 89:2–3, 4–5, 27, 29; Romans 4:13, 16–18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18–21, 24.*

Wednesday, March 20 Not to Be Served, but to Serve

The mother of Zebedee's sons asks that her two boys sit at a place of honor with Jesus, one at his right hand and the other at his left in the Kingdom. The other ten disciples are not pleased with this request. None yet understands that through servanthood, the Kingdom of God is entered. What do you request of God as you go through times of difficulty or sorrow? *Today's Readings: Jeremiah 18:18–20; Psalm 31:5–6, 14, 15–16; Matthew 20:17–28.*

Thursday, March 21 The Face of Christ

The parable of the rich man and Lazarus invites us to reflect upon our attitude toward the poor. What can your family do to respond to the needs of the poor in your community? Consider providing a meal for a shelter or serving at a soup kitchen. Reflect with your family following the visit on what they saw and experienced. Discuss how you felt God's presence during your visit. Ask the family if they saw the face of Christ in any of the guests of this meal. *Today's Readings: Jeremiah 17:5–10; Psalm 1:1–2, 3, 4–6; Luke 16:19–31.*

Friday, March 22 Reject the Cornerstone

It is easy to stand outside the setting of today's Gospel and not identify with the characters in this parable. The tenants are portrayed as those who do not listen to the owner. They are shown as disobedient and greedy. During an examination of conscience, consider how you listen to the Word of God. Do you give God glory or only seek your success and reward? Do you worry excessively about money and finances? Have you intentionally done evil to someone? *Today's Readings: Genesis 37:3–4, 12–13, 17–28; Psalm 105:16–17, 18–19, 20–21; Matthew 21:33–43, 45–46.*

Saturday, March 23 Joy of the Feast

The parable of the forgiving father is familiar to us. What do we think the younger son was expecting when he arrived home? He had been away from his country, his father's house, and his family a long time. He did not know what was happening there while he was gone. Upon his return, he experiences the mercy and the love of his Father. The joy of the feast is compromised by the response of the older brother. Do we ever judge our family members in a harsher light? Carry out a random act of kindness in your home today. *Today's Readings: Micah 7:14–15, 18–20; Psalm 103:1–2, 3–4, 9–10, 11–12; Luke 15:1–3, 11–32.*



Lenten Prayer and Liturgy

The Church invites all people to special moments of prayer during the season of Lent. It is a common custom for people to make room in their schedule for daily Eucharist, which we celebrate as follows during the Lenten season:

Monday	8 am	Newton
Tuesday	8 am	Plaistow
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Plaistow
Thursday	8 am	Newton

Another Lenten custom involves taking a journey... to the Holy Land! Going on pilgrimage has always been an important part of our Christian tradition. By visiting a place where a religious event occurred, a pilgrim hoped to share in the experience associated with that place. The

desire to visit Jerusalem and the Holy Land was very important to Christians long ago, but because of the danger and expense of travel, and the political climate of Palestine, such a journey was not always feasible. When the Friars of the Franciscan Order took over the care of the Holy Places in Jerusalem in 1342, they began to erect "Stations" in Churches back home in Europe. It was a way to "go" to the Holy Land without ever leaving home. The custom of the Stations quickly spread to parish Churches, and the devotion of the Stations of the Cross was born.

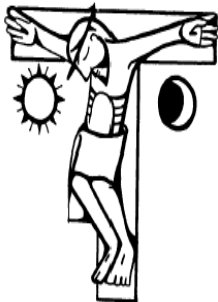


Praying the Stations of the cross

We walk the **Stations of the Cross** each **Friday of Lent at 6:30 at PLAISTOW** Using various versions and forms of the Stations, and led by various groups in the Parish, we make Jesus' journey to the Cross our own. **On April 5, we will conclude our evening Stations with a Lenten Soup Supper.**

Baptismal Font and Holy Water Font

During Lent, we pray and prepare to renew our own Baptismal promises even as we pray as a community for those to be Baptized. Following ancient custom, the Sacrament of Baptism is not ordinarily celebrated during Lent, and the Baptismal Font itself is sealed. We also "fast" from the Baptismal water usually present at the doors of the Church. The entire Church waits with Jesus in the desert, praying for the Living Waters of Easter.



Lenten Space, Silence, & Music

During Lent, the Church's lighting is dimmed so as to encourage an atmosphere of prayer and introspection. Our Assembly's music is more meditative and somber. **We leave at the end of Mass in silence,** reflecting on our mission as Disciples to pray, fast, and to give of ourselves in the coming week.

LENTEN REGULATIONS



FASTING

Fasting for anyone between **21 and 59 years of age** means having only **one full meal** to maintain one's strength. Two smaller meatless and penitential meals are permitted according to one's needs, but should not equal the one full meal. One may, however, enter more into the spiritual element of fasting and not partake of any of the above-mentioned meals. Eating between meals is not permitted; but

liquids, including milk and juices are allowed. **Days of fasting are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Wednesdays and Fridays are also traditional fast days; however, one may fast on any day of the week.**

ABSTINENCE

Abstinence is the observance for all those **14 years of age or older** to forego the eating of meat on: **Ash Wednesday; all Fridays in Lent and on Good Friday.** When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, this discipline does not apply.

EASTER PRECEPT

The Easter Precept – or Easter Duty is the decree for all the faithful to **receive Holy Communion at least during the Easter Season** (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2042). The faithful must celebrate the **Sacrament of Penance at least once a year in preparation for the reception of Holy Eucharist.** Traditionally, the Church has marked the time in which one may fulfill the Easter Duty between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday. A monthly celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is encouraged for all.

PRAYER AND ALMSGIVING

All the faithful are encouraged to spend additional time in prayer during the Lenten season, and to participate in the devotional practices of the Parish. It is also praiseworthy for the faithful to give generously to charities and to their Church during this Season of Sacrifice.

**SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST
LENT- EASTER LITURGICAL SCHEDULE 2019**

THE BEGINNING OF THE LENTEN FAST MARCH 6

**ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY 8 am Newton &
6:30 pm Plaistow**

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Plaistow: Saturdays 3:00 pm
(except Holy Saturday); Newton: Sundays of Lent 6:30 pm
Monday of Holy Week (April 15 - Plaistow 11:00am - 1:00 PM,
Newton 5:00-7:00 PM

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER: Sunday evenings of Lent at Newton, 6 pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Fridays of Lent - 6:30 pm - at Plaistow Lenten Soup Supper Friday April 5
following Stations

HOLY WEEK

Monday of Holy Week April 15- Liturgy at 8 am - Newton

Tuesday of Holy Week April 16- Liturgy at 8 am - Plaistow

Wednesday of Holy Week April 17 - Liturgy at 6:30 pm - Plaistow
Tenebrae at 7:30 PM

PASCHAL TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 18 Morning prayer 8 am - Newton

Mid-day prayer 12 noon - Newton

LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 6:30 PM - Newton

-Eucharistic Adoration follows-

Night Prayer 10:00 pm - Newton

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 19 Morning prayer 8 am - Plaistow

Mid-day prayer 12 noon - Plaistow

Stations of the Cross 3 pm - Newton

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S PASSION

& HOLY COMMUNION 6:30 PM - Plaistow

HOLY SATURDAY April 20- Morning Prayer 8 am - Plaistow

Mid-day Prayer 12 noon - Plaistow

EASTER GREAT VIGIL AT 8 PM - Plaistow

(Reception in Hall to follow)

APRIL 21 EASTER SUNDAY LITURGIES

8 AM - Newton

10 AM - Plaistow

Easter Solemn Vespers with Benediction at 6 pm - Newton

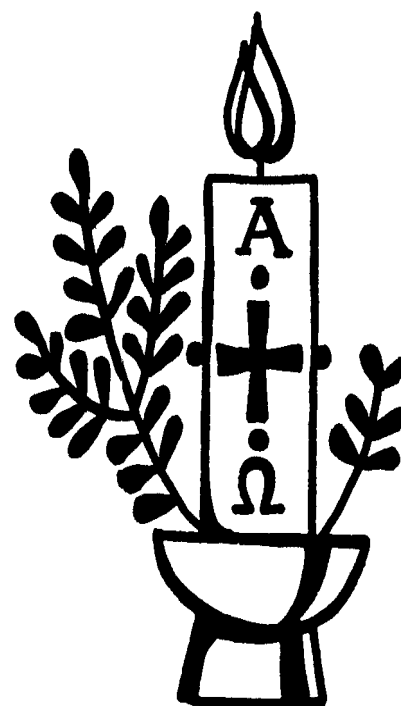
**LENTEN SEASON
DAILY LITURGIES:**

M 8 am Newton

T 8 am Plaistow

W 6:30 pm Plaistow

Th 8 am Newton



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The Gospel for All Ages

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FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

2nd Sunday of Lent • March 17, 2019 • Peter, James, and John See a Vision of Jesus
Sunday Readings: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28-36

Weekly Discussion Questions

For the Parish Bulletin

Life Question: How have times of prayer or retreat transformed you?

Gospel Question: What holy ones from your past help you to envision your future?

LIFE AND GOSPEL QUESTIONS BY AGE LEVEL

Adults

What hopes for a more just world or a more harmonious family do you hold and live?

Visions (Grades 7-8)

Life Question: What is the most amazing thing you have ever seen?

Gospel Question: What does Jesus' appearance in the Gospel reveal about who he is?

Venture (Grades 4-6)

Life Question: Who are two people you admire and imitate?

Gospel Question: What do Peter, James, and John realize about who Jesus is in the Gospel?

Good News (Grades 2-3)

Life Question: Who helps you be more like Jesus during Lent?

Gospel Question: How do the Holy Spirit and voice from the cloud bless Jesus?

Promise (Grades K-1)

Life Question: What will you be when you grow up?

Gospel Question: What are your favorite ways to pray?

Seeds (Preschool)

Life Question: When are times you pray as a family? What is your favorite place to pray?

Gospel Question: When does Jesus pray?

Family Corner

About the Gospel

Sunday's Gospel tells us about the Transfiguration of Jesus. We learn that Jesus' clothes became dazzling white and he appeared with Old Testament figures. Maybe the most important thing, however, is that God the Father calls Jesus his "chosen Son" and instructs us to "listen to him."

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

In Church

God reveals himself through Sacred Scripture, Tradition, and Jesus—God's most perfect Revelation. Think about what God reveals to you through each of these.

Family Prayer

Open our ears and hearts to better hear you, Lord.

Question of the Week

How can you listen to Jesus?
What might he say to you?



Rincón de la Familia

Acerca del Evangelio

El Evangelio dominical nos cuenta sobre la Transfiguración de Jesús. Aprendemos que la ropa de Jesús se vuelve blanca brillante y junto a él aparecieron personajes del Antiguo Testamento. Sin embargo, tal vez lo más importante es que Dios el Padre llama a Jesús "mi Hijo, mi Elegido y nos dice "escúchenlo".

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

En la Iglesia

Dios se revela por medio de la Sagrada Escritura, la Tradición y Jesús—la Revelación más perfecta de Dios. Piensa en lo que Dios te revela por medio de cada uno de ellos.

Oración en familia

Señor, ábranos los oídos y el corazón para oírte mejor.

Pregunta de la semana

¿Cómo puedes escuchar a Jesús? ¿Qué te diría?





Bringing Home the Word +

Second Sunday of Lent
March 17, 2019

Accepting Jesus' Challenge

By Mary Katharine Deeley

From the top of Mount Tabor in Israel, the supposed site of Jesus' transfiguration, visitors can see clearly across the valley to the distant Golan Heights. The view takes your breath away. When I was in the valley, I could only see the immediate area, but at the top both the distance and the beauty of the land mesmerized me.

Maybe that's why mountains have always been places of prayer, of divine unveiling, and why Jesus took Peter, James, and John up to the top of a mountain to experience this vision of his glory. He wanted them to see more than

their daily life and work. He wanted them to see further than they ever thought they could. He wanted them to see the depths of who he was in a new and profound way. It was important that they do this. The transfiguration happens in the midst of Jesus' predictions of his passion and death, before he begins his deliberate journey to Jerusalem. Without an image of the glorified Christ, the apostles might not have had the courage to continue following him.

Like the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert, we hear this transfiguration account every Lent. Jesus takes the Church, and each one of us, up the mountain and dares us to see further, better, more deeply than ever before. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, he dares us to leave what we know, listen to him, and follow in his footsteps. May we have the courage to accept the challenge. +

*During Lent, Jesus takes
each of us up the mountain,
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than ever before.*

A Word from Pope Francis

At the end of the stunning experience of the transfiguration, the disciples came down the mountain with eyes and hearts transfigured by their encounter with the Lord. It is the journey that we too can make....Transformed by Christ's presence...we will be a concrete sign of the invigorating love of God.

—Angelus,
August 6, 2017



Sunday Readings

Genesis 15:5–12, 17–18

Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so, [God] added, will your descendants be.

**Philippians 3:17—4:1 or
Philippians 3:20—4:1**

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 9:28b–36

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

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- How can I use the Lenten season to transfigure my life and grow closer to God?
- Do I have the courage to change bad habits so as to follow more closely in Jesus' footsteps?



Are We There Yet?

By Kathryn Begnaud

We've taken umpteen road trips with our five boys when they were young. The question most heard on those trips is the title of this article. They just wanted to get there.

That sentiment best describes my attitude toward Lent; my eagerness to jump ahead to Holy Week often results in wearing blinders for six weeks as my eyes constantly search over the next hill for Jerusalem. I'm resistant to the wearing of purple and often want to eat dessert first.

On the Road

I imagine Jesus and his followers drawing nearer to Jerusalem—taking turns walking next to him, getting better acquainted, reminiscing, and sharing food. I suspect that, as they lifted their eyes when crossing each hilltop, some pointed to the horizon: “I see Jerusalem, our destiny!”

As they approached the city, they were undoubtedly filled with anticipation. Was there also foreboding? Did they ask plaintively, “Are we there yet?” When some complained of exhaustion, did Jesus place his hand upon their backs and whisper, “I will give you rest. Trust me. I have called you and I love you?”

I heard those very words whispered

to my battered soul when I first “visited Jerusalem”—a trip taken to deal with my father's alcoholism, but one that, instead, taught me all of life is Lenten. For months I prepared for the “journey” by planning a family intervention. I drew near through prayer, by reading about alcoholism, and by talking with experts I believed knew the only fail-proof route.

I fantasized that my experience would mirror others' success. There's the rub! Expecting to encounter God precisely as others have is a trap. We must each walk the journey with our own feet.

Haven't there been times in our lives that we've listened so intently to others' experiences of God that we've become disappointed in our own? Have we allowed the joyful stories of others to become a condition by which we measure the validity of God's presence? Though we are communal, we also walk individually with Jesus. While side-by-side, we are all still approaching, still drawing near.

Broken and Mended

My own family intervention was a disaster, partly because I had so closely studied others' tales of Jerusalem that, confident of the route, I raced ahead of Jesus. My family hadn't the chance yet to draw near. They hadn't even known there was a map. They were being yanked through the city gates, and I was doing the yanking, not God.

At the time, I turned to Jesus and said, “If I'd known it would be this painful, I wouldn't have followed you here.”

Many times I wanted to turn back, but I couldn't remember the return path. I couldn't unsee what I had seen. I couldn't unlearn new wisdom.

Exhausted, I decided to start over and, instead of hurling blame on my poor father, I began loving him—pure love: nothing more, nothing less. In short, I followed Jesus. I secretly reasoned that things couldn't get much worse anyway, and even with that attitude, the Lord still took me along.

Drawing Near

It has been nearly thirty years since my first true Lenten experience, and today my family is healthy and whole. My father, whose sobriety is regarded as a gift, has become our spiritual leader.

Drawing near to Lent is always a journey of truth, and the truth is always about us. It's the most grueling journey of our lifetimes, but it's also the most exhilarating. My only advice is to enter in. Draw near. God is calling. +



*Lord, you desire to be with me
and walk with me along life's
journey. Awaken in my heart
a desire and commitment
to be with you in prayer.*

—From *Mindful Meditations for Every Day
of Lent and Easter*, Rev. Warren J. Savage
and Mary Ann McSweeney

WEEKDAY READINGS

March 18-23

Monday, Lenten Weekday:
Dn 9:4b–10 / Lk 6:36–38

Tuesday, St. Joseph: 2 Sm 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16 /
Rom 4:13, 16–18, 22 / Mt 1:16, 18–21, 24a or
Lk 2:41–51a

Wednesday, Lenten Weekday:
Jer 18:18–20 / Mt 20:17–28

Thursday, Lenten Weekday:
Jer 17:5–10 / Lk 16:19–31

Friday, Lenten Weekday: Gn 37:3–4,
12–13a, 7b–28a / Mt 21:33–43, 45–46

Saturday, Lenten Weekday:
Mi 7:14–15, 18–20 / Lk 15:1–3, 11–32