



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, April 21, 2019
Easter Sunday Of The
Resurrection Of The Lord

8:00 AM

Gathering: Christ The Lord Is Risen Today BB 175
Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 145)

*Sing a joyful song to the Lord! Let
the heavens and earth rejoice!
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Sprinkling Rite: *God, you have moved upon the
waters, you have sung in the rush of
wind and flame; and in your love,
you have called us sons and
daughters, make us people of the
water and your name.*

Preparation Jesus Is Risen BB 179

Mass Parts Storrington Mass

Communion Bread For The World BB 344
Transfigure Us, O Lord BB 500

Recessional: Festival Canticle BB 569

10:00 AM

Gathering: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today BB 159
Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 118)

*This day was made by the Lord, let us
rejoice; let us be glad. This day was
made by the Lord. Let us rejoice in
salvation.*

Sprinkling Rite: *If we have died to ourselves in Jesus,
then we shall arise to new life in Him,
Alleluia, alleluia!*

Preparation Christ Be Our Light BB 158
You Are Mine BB 456

Mass Parts Mass of God's Promise

Communion Song Of The Body Of Christ BB 332
Gift Of Finest Wheat BB 323

Recessional: Alleluia, Alleluia, Let The Holy Anthem
Rise BB 168

✠ 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
APRIL 14 & 21, 2019
WILL APPEAR IN THE MAY 5, 2019 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

April 21, 2019	Easter
April 28, 2019	Fuel
May 5, 2019	Property Management
May 12, 2019	Catholic Charities

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.



PRAY FOR OUR NEOPHYTES!

New Catholic Baptized,
Confirmed and Eucharist
at the
Great Easter Vigil:

Brent MacKenzie

Baptized at the
Great Vigil:

*Layla Joy Marie
MacKenzie*

PRAY FOR OUR NEWLY
CONFIRMED – FIRST
EUCARIST

Tyler Bush

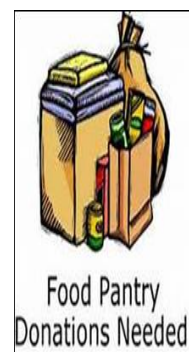
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, April 22**. The Office will reopen at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, April 23.

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 SPRING...

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

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Sunday, April 21

NO SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IN NEWTON

10:00 AM NO Religious Ed – PreK to 8 *Plaistow*
6:00 PM Vespers and Benediction *Newton*

Monday, April 22

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
NO DAILY MASS**

Wednesday, April 24

**HOLY ANGELS CHURCH OPEN
ALL DAY FOR PRAYER**

Thursday, April 25

8:30 AM Adoration Begins *Newton*
9:00 AM Intercessory Prayer *Plaistow*
8:30 PM Adoration Ends *Newton*

Saturday, April 27

NO SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IN PLAISTOW

Sunday, April 28

NO SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IN NEWTON

10:00 AM Religious Ed – PreK to 8 *Plaistow*
12:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council Meeting *Plaistow*
6:00 PM Vespers *Newton*

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, April 20 ~ Vigil / Easter

*Gn 1:1—2:2; Gn 22:1-18; Ex 14:15—15:1; Is 54:5-14;
Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28;
Rom 6:3-11; Lk 24:1-12*

8:00 PM Great Vigil of Easter
Plaistow

Sunday, April 21~ Easter Sunday

*Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8;
Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12*

8:00 AM People of the Parish
Newton

10:00 AM People of the Parish
Plaistow

Monday, April 22~ Monday within Octave of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15
No Mass

Tuesday, April 23 ~ Tuesday within Octave of Easter

Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

8:00 AM Rosemary Duhamel by Edward Duhamel
Plaistow

Wednesday, April 24 ~ Wednesday within Octave of Easter

Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

6:30 PM Bruce M. Goodnow by his wife, Gloria
Plaistow

Thursday, April 25 ~ Thursday within Octave of Easter

Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

8:00 AM Ermina Egulior by her family
Newton

Friday, April 26 ~ Friday within Octave of Easter

Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
No Mass

Saturday, April 27 ~ Saturday within Octave of Easter

Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15 (Day)

Acts 5:12-16; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Martin & Florence Fogel and Frank Kelcourse
by Elaine Kelcourse
Plaistow

Sunday, April 28 ~ Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 5:12-16; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

8:00 AM Mickey and Lou Inzero by the Stanley family
Newton

10:00 AM W. Ralph Sampson by his wife and family
Plaistow



The Sanctuary Candle in
Holy Angels Church
will burn this week in loving memory of
Leo "Bud" Blinn
by his wife, Frances

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.

**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, May 15 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.**



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APRIL 21, 2019

✠ FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION ✠

DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION

All Saints Church

120 Bellevue Avenue, Haverhill, MA

Sunday, April 28 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM

Adoration, Reflection, Sacrament of Reconciliation,
Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary

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, May 5, 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.



PASCHAL VESPERS and BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Paschal Vespers are sung at Newton at 6:00 PM on the first two Sundays of Easter, **April 21 & April 28**. Join us for a quiet time of prayer and reflection. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will follow Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday.

HEART OF A PRIEST

The incorrupt heart of St. Jean Vianney will be visiting St. Joseph Cathedral on **April 24, 2019**. The Shrine of Ars, France has made this major relic available for a national tour in the United States. **Veneration is from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM**. Bishop Libasci will celebrate Mass at 12:10 PM.

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** ✠

ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL SCHOOL

St. Joseph Regional Catholic School is accepting registrations for the 2019-2020 school year for students in Pre-School through Grade 8. Tours of the school are available by appointment. You are invited to come see the many benefits of a Catholic school education! Ask about our CSF Scholarship for transfer students and other financial aid options. Questions? Contact info@sjrcs.com or 603-893-6811 ext 19.

**THANK YOU FROM THE
ST JUDE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Knights would like to thank all of the parish members who supported the Irish Festival that was held in the Parish Center on Saturday, March 16. The Festival was a complete sell out. Chef Rudi Ferrandi and his crew did a great job preparing a very tasty traditional boiled dinner. The Murray School of Irish Dance put on an excellent exhibition of different Irish dances. There was plenty of Irish music and many Irish themed baskets that were raffled off. The Knights raised enough money to fund food baskets for our Food Pantry at Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. They were also able to make a significant financial donation our Food Pantry. The Knights would like to thank Dave and Stephanie Meader, Roland Richardson, and Ed Wencis for Chairing the event, and Marie Farren for all of her help.

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. Be sure to choose:

St Luke the Evangelist Parish, Plaistow.

ST. GIANNA'S PLACE

St. Gianna's Place, a NH-based home for mothers in crisis pregnancies, is celebrating its opening with a **Benefit Banquet on May 1 from 5:30 to 9:15 PM** at the Executive Court Banquet Facility in Manchester, NH. The guest speaker is the renowned James Wahlberg. Reservations are \$65 per person / \$650 per table. Make checks payable to "St. Gianna's Place" and mail to Banquet Reservations, 3 Jersey Street, Londonderry, NH 03053. Visit stgiannasplace.org for details.

YOUNG NEIGHBORS IN ACTION

July 21-26, 2019 ~ Worcester, MA

Young Neighbors In Action is a Catholic week-long mission for high school teens, offering young people the chance to grow in faith as they serve those in need. It gives them the opportunity to make a difference in the world. To learn more, or to register, contact Brian Harrison at bharrison@rcbm.org or Kelly Goudreau at kgoudreau@rcbm.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PLAISTOW COUNCIL

24th ANNUAL ST JUDE OPEN

June 1, 2019



The Knights of Columbus are running their 24th Annual St. Jude Open on June 1st at 7:30 AM at Apple Hill Golf Course in East Kingston. This event raises net proceeds in the range of **\$15,000** every year. This year we are helping a family from Atkinson, a mother with three children under the age of 7, whose husband died unexpectedly.

WE NEED YOU!

For \$100/player you get:

- 18 holes golf with cart
- Steak tip lunch
- Gifts/raffles/contests
- Sponsor a hole or have your employer sponsor a hole for \$100
- Come volunteer the day of the tournament

Please be a part of a wonderful local community event with the goal of helping others in need. Please contact Dan Sullivan at 603-770-4803 or dans49@comcast.net to register and/or to get a brochure to become a sponsor.

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



CHRIST IS RISEN! Χριστός ανστή !

A warm welcome to visitors
and travelers to our Parish

GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

For Catholics: As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of

the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (Canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

For our fellow Christians: We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions that separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (JN 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily NOT admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 § 4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 § 3).

For those not receiving Holy Communion: All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

For non-Christians: We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

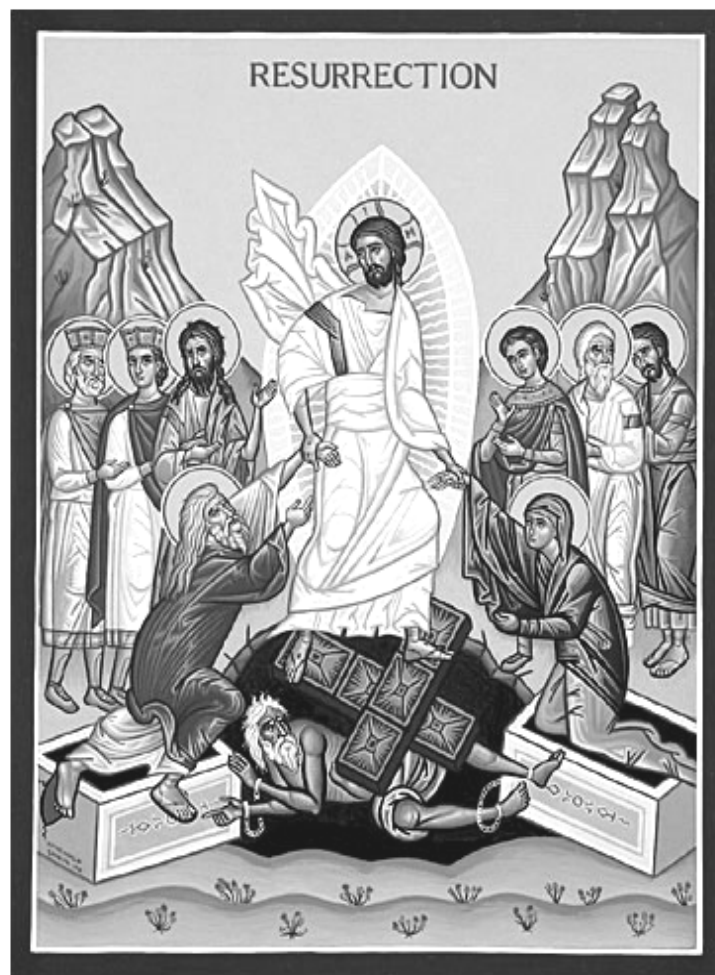
THE 50 DAYS OF EASTER A SENSE OF THE SEASON

First, we kept the forty days, with praying, fasting and giving alms. Then we celebrated the three days of Christ's passion, dying and rising. Now we delight in the fifty days, with rejoicing, feasting and giving witness! The season of Easter is fifty days long. It is a time of unbridled joy, of exuberant rejoicing. The church tells us, "The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one 'great Sunday.' These above all others are days for the singing of the Alleluia." (*General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar*, #22).

Why is Easter-time fifty days? The ancient cultures that gave us the Bible had great respect for numbers. They believed that numbers contained hints about God and the meaning of life. The number seven was thought to contain fullness: There are seven days in the week, according to God's original way of ordering time, creating all that there is and resting. So if you multiply 7 times 7, you have "fullness times fullness."

But wait! 7×7 is 49! With God, there is always more—more than we can ever imagine. So our holy season of Easter is even more than "fullness times fullness." It's "fullness times fullness" and then some: $7 \times 7 + 1$. That's what love is like: more than we can ever imagine. That's what heaven is going to be like: more than we can ever imagine.

The fifty days are days for looking for the risen Lord among us, for hearing in each other's stories of rising from the big and small deaths, days when we experience something of Christ's triumphs. That's why we look to the newly baptized, robed in bright new clothes and oily with gladness: At Easter, they died and rose with Christ! Now they take their places with us. Together, like the apostles who were so full of the Spirit that people thought they were drunk, we rush about with good and giddy news: Death is not the last word! Life and love are forever! And slowly, painstakingly, we work together, together with Christ, to change this world into the world to come. **Christ is Risen!** Sing Alleluia!



EASTER SUNDAY



Light and Life

God of joy,
you lead us along the path
to the garden tomb,
where we discover in the dark
and in the emptiness,
light and new life.
Give us the strength and courage
to enter this time of redemption
and to proclaim the message
of the Risen Christ to all we encounter.
By our Baptism, we are anointed
priest, prophet, and king.
May we live this threefold mission
and bear witness to the world.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sunday, April 21, 2019

Alleluia, Alleluia



Today's Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37–43; Psalm 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23; Colossians 3:1–4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b–8; John 20:1–9 or Luke 24:1–12 or Luke 24:13–35 (afternoon or evening). The Lord is risen! Alleluia! With the women and other disciples, we rejoice at the empty tomb as we enter into the great paschal feast of Easter. In Luke's account of the Resurrection, the women did not waste time in spreading the Good News after encountering the men in dazzling garments. What could the women have been thinking as they rushed to tell the others of the empty tomb? And what could Peter have thought as he rushed to the tomb?

The Gospel notes that the women were terrified upon seeing the men at the tomb but then remembered Jesus'

words. Peter was amazed when he arrived at the tomb. All must have wondered what this meant for them. The discovery of the empty tomb does not offer Jesus' followers an immediate response of joy. They had to grow in their understanding of the Resurrection.

Let us remember that when we find ourselves in moments of fear or confusion, like those who first reached the garden tomb, we can return to the Word of God in the Bible to offer us an understanding of the identity of the Risen Lord and a better understanding of ourselves in relationship with him.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 22

The Octave of Easter

At the beginning of the fifty days of Easter is an eight-day celebration called the Octave of Easter. During these days, let the light of Christ shine forth as your family sings “alleluias” at the dinner table or around the prayer table as you celebrate the octave. *Today’s Readings: Acts 2:14, 22–32; Psalm 16:1–2, 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11; Matthew 28:8–15.*

Tuesday, April 23

I Have Seen the Lord!

Weeping at the tomb, Mary is so consumed with finding her Lord that she does not realize that she is speaking to angels. Only when Jesus says her name does she realize the man she has questioned is the Lord. The Good Shepherd calls his sheep by name. Christians were called by name on the day of their Baptism, the day they were claimed for Christ. Let us pray this day for all those who are longing to find Christ and to hear their name called by the Lord. *Today’s Readings: Acts 2:36–41; Psalm 33:4–5, 18–19, 20, 22; John 20:11–18.*

Wednesday, April 24

In the Breaking of the Bread

Two disciples are making their way to Emmaus, which is about seven miles from Jerusalem. Even as Jesus walks with them, they do not recognize him as their Lord. They are only able to know his identity when they sit at table and are breaking bread. How have you come to know Jesus through the Eucharist? *Today’s Readings: Acts 3:1–10; Psalm 105:1–2, 3–4, 6–7, 8–9; Luke 24:13–35.*

Thursday, April 25

Preaching to All the Nations

“Peace be with you,” Jesus says as he appears to his disciples. Still, they are terrified, afraid they have seen a ghost. In response, Jesus confronts their fears and does a very human thing—he asks for food and eats the fish before them. Where do you find peace in the accounts of Jesus’ Resurrection? Is it comforting to know that Christ ate with those he loved after rising from the dead? *Today’s Readings: Acts 3:11–26; Psalm 8:2, 5, 6–7, 8–9; Luke 24:35–48.*

Friday, April 26

An Abundance of Fish and the Bread of Life

Jesus appears to the disciples on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. They have been fishing all night and have caught nothing. After Jesus instructs them to cast their net over the starboard side, they took in so many fish that they could not take in the net. Jesus calls them over to the beach, where they eat fish and bread. Does this sharing of bread and fish remind you of another event in Scripture? *Today’s Readings: Acts 4:1–12; Psalm 118:1–2, 4, 22, 24, 25, 27; John 21:11–14.*

Saturday, April 27

Proclaim the Good News

It took three tries for the Apostles to believe the Lord had risen. They believed neither when Mary Magdalene told them nor when the two disciples on the way to Emmaus returned with the news. Only when the Lord appeared to them did they believe. Do you believe enough to “Go out into the world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature”? Do you let anyone know of your belief? What holds you back from allowing others to see that you are a Christian? *Today’s Readings: Acts 4:13–21; Psalm 118:1, 14–15, 16–18, 19–21; Mark 16:9–15.*



The Gospel for All Ages

Family Catechesis

Gospel Weeklies
FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Easter Sunday • April 21, 2019 • Jesus Is Risen!

2nd Sunday of Easter • April 28, 2019 • Jesus Appears to His Disciples

Easter Sunday Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

2nd Sunday of Easter Readings: Acts 5:12-16; Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31

Weekly Discussion Questions

For the Parish Bulletin

Life Question: What insight into the meaning of Jesus' death and resurrection have you experienced during Holy Week, especially in the liturgies?

Gospel Question: In what sense is each of us Mary Magdalene in the Easter Gospel?

LIFE AND GOSPEL QUESTIONS BY AGE LEVEL

Exploring the Sunday Readings (Adults)

Do you have a default approach to new things: embracing them, refusing them, or contemplating them before you decide? What have you seen, heard, touched, that enables you to put your trust in Jesus? Visit exploringthesundayreadings.com

Visions (Grades 7-8)

Life Question: What do you believe happens to people when they die?

Gospel Question: How is Mary Magdalene a model of Christian faith?

Venture (Grades 4-6)

Life Question: What experiences has your family had with the death of loved ones?

Gospel Question: Which of Jesus' friends do you most feel like—Mary Magdalene, the beloved disciple, or Peter?

Good News (Grades 2-3)

Life Question: What do you see happening in nature this spring?

Gospel Question: How do Jesus' friends feel on the way to the tomb? What do they do?

Promise (Grades K-1)

Life Question: What do you see happening outside in nature?

Gospel Question: What do Jesus' friends find at his burial place?

Seeds (Preschool)

Life Question: What are some signs of life in springtime?

Gospel Question: Where do Jesus' friends look for him?

Family Corner

About the Gospel

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! Easter Sunday brings joy, hope, and encouragement to all Christians throughout the world. The Risen Jesus appears to the Apostles in the locked room to give them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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

In Church

At the end of Mass, say, "Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!" Celebrate the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ!

Family Prayer

Jesus, thank you for coming to be our Savior. We praise your goodness and joyfully sing Alleluia at the news of your Resurrection.

Question of the Week

Imagine that you discovered Jesus' empty tomb. How would you feel? What would you do?

Rincón de la Familia

Acerca del Evangelio

¡Aleluya, Cristo ha resucitado! El Domingo de Pascua trae alegría, esperanza, y aliento a todos los cristianos en todo el mundo. Jesús resucitado se aparece a los Apóstoles en el salón cerrado para darles el don del Espíritu Santo.

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

En la Iglesia

Al final de la misa, digan: "¡Demos gracias al Señor, aleluya, aleluya!" ¡Celebren al Señor Resucitado, Jesucristo!

Oración en familia

Jesús, gracias por ser nuestro Salvador. Alabamos tu bondad y con gozo cantamos el Aleluya al enterarnos de tu Resurrección.

Pregunta de la semana

¿Cómo reaccionarías y qué harías si fueras quien descubre el sepulcro vacío de Jesús?

✠ 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

Don't you and your spouse deserve a beautiful, romantic weekend away together? Get away from all those worldly anxieties and take time to just focus on each other by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance, and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend in New England. For more information, call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-9963 or visit www.wwme.org.

NH COUPLE ENRICHMENT CIRCLE

Have you attended a Marriage Encounter Weekend? If your answer is yes, you are invited to participate in the NH Couple Enrichment Circle to continue to strengthen your marriage relationship. For more information, contact David and Karen Demers at 617-480-9989 or ddemers@aviconpartners.com.

RETRouvaille...A Lifeline

Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille weekend. If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, we believe Retrouvaille can help you. For more information, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.



SUPPORT FOR DIVORCED AND SEPARATED

Divorce and separation can be painful experiences. Support groups are available to those who are seeking healing, comfort, and empowerment. Visit www.catholicnh.org/support for a listing of groups.





Bringing Home the Word +

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (C)

April 21, 2019

Lost...Then Found!

By Mary Katharine Deeley

My daughter was about four when we went to the local department store to do some shopping. I was looking over some item when I turned and realized she wasn't beside me. It was not like her to wander away, and I spent a frantic fifteen minutes before I located her sitting on the floor playing with a doll from a display. I was at once relieved and angry, but more scared than anything else. What if something had happened?

When Mary Magdalene went to the tomb that early Sunday morning, she

expected to find Jesus' body and mourn the loss of this man whom they all loved. Not finding him where she expected was an utter shock. I can only imagine there was some fear and anger: "Who took him? Where did he go? How could someone do this?" Her words tumbled out to Peter and the disciple Jesus loved. They, too, were astounded to find his burial cloth and, though they believed, they did not understand what the empty tomb signified.

I can also imagine what they felt when they finally saw Jesus—surely relief and wonder, but there may have been a little anger that he had left them and fear for all that meant. Maybe that's how God feels about us when we wander away. We were lost, and God sent the prophets first and then his only Son to find us and lead us home. Out of love, Jesus gave his life and conquered death itself. In this Easter season, let us take great care neither to wander away nor to lose sight of the Lord. He is the source of our life. We belong to him. +

Sunday Readings

Acts 10:34a, 37–43

This man God raised (on) the third day and granted that he be visible ...to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance.

Colossians 3:1–4
or 1 Corinthians 5:6b–8

When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

John 20:1–9

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.

A Word from Pope Francis

The growing presence of women in the social, economic, and political life at local, national, and international levels, as well as the ecclesial, therefore, is a healthy process. Women have the full right to be actively included in all areas, and their right must be affirmed and protected, even through legal instruments wherever...necessary.

—Address to pontifical council,
June 9, 2017



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- Do I keep my sights on the Lord all year, not just during Christmas and Easter?
- Do I take comfort that Jesus became human so that one day I may join him in his resurrection?

***In this Easter season,
let us take great care
neither to wander away
nor to lose sight of the Lord.***

Being a Pest—for Good

By Alice Camille

“Here comes trouble!” If you think for a moment, you can probably recall the face of someone who earns this exclamation whenever he or she walks into the room. Sometimes we use this greeting aloud in fun, acknowledging a pal’s rowdy nature. But sometimes we employ these words as a mental note of desperation because the trouble is for real.

When Jesus tells the story of the persistent widow and the unjust judge (Luke 18:1–8), who do you think will be the troublemaker? The title some give to the parable—Parable of the Unjust Judge—suggests that the source of trouble is the mean old judge.

But traditionally, “troublemaker” was the name given to the woman—are we surprised?—because her insistence on justice makes her a pest in her society. She is sometimes called the importunate widow, the troublesome widow, the one who won’t go away until she gets what she wants. Never mind that what she wants is for justice to be done. She’s the one who’s considered the problem!

We all know this woman, of course. We may even be this person in the eyes of those who know us. The troublemaker is one who clamors for peace during war,



or one who speaks for the poor in an affluent society. Try “speaking for the trees” like Dr. Suess’ *The Lorax*, especially in logging territory, and discover what it means to be seen as a vexation that needs to be solved—or silenced!

These experiments in announcing unpopular truths help us to

appreciate why prophets get martyred. Once you publicly acknowledge society’s problems, it won’t be long before you are identified as a problem yourself.

Pushing, Pushing

Seeing how the widow in the parable is traditionally described as troublesome, it’s interesting to consider how Jesus views her. Clearly the story is not about the judge and his response—which is rendered unwillingly in her favor just to get her off his back. The main character in the tale is the widow, and the focus is on what she does. She takes on the system that is cheating her and calls out for justice. Finally, the judge admits he’s scared of her and what she might do next! His heart hasn’t changed, but he reverses his decision to save his own skin.

The point of the story is that we are to model ourselves on the troublemaker. We are to persist in our faith and demand justice no matter how we are perceived

or even mistreated by powerful people and structures. It’s a bold vocation for the followers of Jesus: to be people who rock the boat that society is merrily sailing in. Are we up to it?

Uphill Climb

Naturally, if we disrupt business-as-usual and the American dreams of acquiring stuff, taking care of our own, saving for retirement without concern for today’s responsibilities, and always being correct about what’s best for the rest of the world, then we’re inviting a heap of trouble on our own heads. The more we persist in questioning the way things are, the more people we stand to offend. Who wants to be greeted everywhere as the troublemaker? Even in church we may find ourselves the source of conflict.

Perhaps this is why Jesus tells the story with such amusement, casting God as the heavy and the disciple as the troublemaker. Without a sense of humor, few people would get the irony of what happens to those who are whistle-blowers on society’s problems. So how about it: Wanna stir up some trouble? +



*Lord, your resurrection pierces
the darkness of doubt and fear.
May the power of your resurrection
help me to deepen my love
for you and all people.*

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

WEEKDAY READINGS

April 22-27

Monday, Octave of Easter:
Acts 2:14, 22–33 / Mt 28:8–15

Tuesday, Octave of Easter:
Acts 2:36–41 / Jn 20:11–18

Wednesday, Octave of Easter:
Acts 3:1–10 / Lk 24:13–35

Thursday, Octave of Easter:
Acts 3:11–26 / Lk 24:35–48

Friday, Octave of Easter:
Acts 4:1–12 / Jn 21:1–14

Saturday, Octave of Easter:
Acts 4:13–21 / Mk 16:9–15

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