



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, September 29, 2019
Twenty-Sixth Sunday In
Ordinary Time

4:00 PM
8:00 AM

Gathering: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling BB 473
 Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 103)

*Loving and forgiving are you, O Lord;
 slow to anger, rich in kindness, loving
 and forgiving are you.*

Preparation What Wondrous Love Is This BB 480

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion Bread For The World BB 344
 Ubi Caritas BB 327

Recessional: Lord, You Give The Great Commission
 BB 382

10:00 AM

Gathering: Gather Us In BB 303

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 147)

*Bless the Lord, my soul, who heals the
 brokenhearted.*

Preparation Ubi Caritas BB 327
 Blest Are They BB 629

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion Behold The Lamb BB 338
 One Bread, One Body BB 339

Recessional: Sing A New Song BB 480



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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!

September 22, 2019

Offertory	\$6,109.25
Priest Retirement Fund	\$1,718.02

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

September 29, 2019	No Second Collection
October 6, 2019	Property Management
October 13, 2019	Fuel
October 20, 2019	World Mission Sunday

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!

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.



We welcome in our faith community

Lyla Rose Copello

who recently received the Sacrament of Baptism



RIDES NEEDED

A parishioner is in need of rides to medical appointments. If you can help, please call the Parish Office at 603-382-8324.

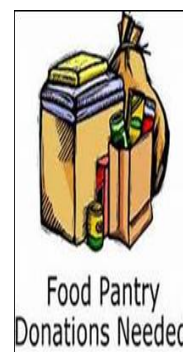
TAI CHI

Tai Chi is the ancient Chinese martial art that is used for meditation, exercise, balance, and mind and body wellness. St. Luke the Evangelist Parish is offering this form of graceful, slow movement to help parishioners to gain strength, to improve their balance, flexibility, and range-of-motion, and to relieve stress. Classes are taught by members of the Oriental Healing Arts Association – a Senior Friendly and Senior Safe Tai Chi Program with the purpose of bringing Tai Chi to all age groups. Classes are on **Mondays at 9:00 AM** and **Thursdays at 3:00 PM and 6:30 PM** in the Plaistow Church Hall. The cost is \$5.00 per class, and for seniors on a fixed income, the cost is \$3.00 per class.

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 FALL...

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

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Sunday, September 29
11:00 AM Religious Ed – PreK to 8 *Plaistow*
11:00 AM RCIA *Plaistow*

Wednesday, October 2
HOLY ANGELS CHURCH OPEN
ALL DAY FOR PRAYER
7:00 PM Introduction to the Devout Life *Plaistow*

Thursday, October 3
8:30 AM Adoration Begins *Newton*
9:00 AM Intercessory Prayer *Plaistow*
10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting *Plaistow*
1:30 PM Introduction to the Devout Life *Plaistow*
8:30 PM Adoration Ends *Newton*

Saturday, October 5
3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

Sunday, October 6
10:00 AM Religious Ed – PreK to 8 *Plaistow*
11:00 AM RCIA *Plaistow*
11:00 AM Baptism Catechesis *Plaistow*

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.

**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, October 16 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, September 28 ~ Vigil / 26th Sunday in Ord. Time
Am 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31
4:00 PM Natalie and Phillip Gagnon by their family
Plaistow

Sunday, September 29 ~ 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Am 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31
8:00 AM In Thanksgiving to St. Michael the Archangel
Newton
10:00 AM Lillian and John Murphy by Carole Lueders
Plaistow

Monday, September 30 ~ Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Zec 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50
8:00 AM Susan Duquette (Month's Mind)
Newton

Tuesday, October 1 ~ Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56
8:00 AM For the Intentions of Edward Duhamel
Plaistow

Wednesday, October 2 ~ The Holy Guardian Angels
Neh 2:1-8; Mt 18:1-5
6:30 PM Albert and Barbara Tremblay
Plaistow

Thursday, October 3 ~ Weekday
Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Lk 10:1-12
8:00 AM William Shepard by Louise DePino
Newton

Friday, October 4 ~ Francis of Assisi
Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16
No Mass

Saturday, October 5 ~ Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24 (Day)
Hb 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10 (Vigil)
4:00 PM John and Kirk Walsh by their family
Plaistow

Sunday, October 6 ~ 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Hb 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10
8:00 AM Barbara Tremblay by Jackie Tremblay
Newton
10:00 AM Martin & Florence Fogel and Frank Kelcourse by Elaine Kelcourse
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.



In Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Rena Scanlon

✠ FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION ✠



The Altar Flowers at Holy Angels Church
were donated in loving memory of
Natalie and Phillip Gagnon
by the Lanseigne 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, October 6, 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.

ST. ANDREW DINNERS

St. Andrew was the first of the Apostles to hear Jesus' call to follow him. We would like to invite men in our diocese who are considering a vocation to the priesthood or would simply like some help hearing the Lord's call for their life, to an evening of prayer, conversation with the Vocations Team, and dinner. These evenings will take place for different age groups on Fridays from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Joseph House (279 Cartier Street) in Manchester. Please RSVP to Becky Vinson at vinson@rcbm.org or 663-0153 if you would like to attend.

October 4: Young Men Ages 13-18
October 18: Men Ages 19-60

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next Weekends are **October 18-20, 2019** in Laconia, NH and **December 13-15, 2019** in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit <https://www.mema.org/>.

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
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Presentation of Mary Convent	382-2744

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

MATT FRADD CONFERENCE

St. Michael Parish in Exeter, NH is proud to be hosting Matt Fradd, Catholic author and daily blog host, for this year's *Truth Conference* to be held on **Saturday October 5th** in beautiful Exeter, NH. Daily Morning Mass will be offered at 8:00 AM if you choose to attend, followed by a light breakfast in Cotter Hall downstairs where there will be a registration check-in for the day. Matt will offer three talks for this conference and he will take questions after each talk where time allows. You will be served a healthy lunch and the **Here on Earth Worship Band** will play between talks. The conference will finish up around 2:30 PM, allowing time for reconciliation and preparation for the 4:00 PM Mass if you choose to attend.

Please register **Here** for the conference.

Please click **Here** for Matt's personal video invitation to the conference. **Please feel free to contact Deacon Eric Lambert at 772-2494, ext. 211** if you have any questions or concerns. Spread the word to family and friends as this will be a conference to remember.

**CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE**

You are invited to learn what Central Catholic High School can do to help you be successful. During the Open House on **Sunday, October 27 from 12:30 to 3:30 PM**, you will be able to tour the campus, meet with faculty, students, coaches, advisors, and campus ministers, and learn why its students excel academically, athletically, spiritually, and personally. For more information about Central Catholic High School, please go to www.centralcatholic.net.

SANCTUARY CANDLES

The Sanctuary Candles in both Newton and Plaistow may be offered in memory or honor of a loved one. The suggested offering for each is \$10.00. Please call the Parish Office at 382-8324.

VIGIL LIGHT

The Vigil Light in front of the Blessed Mother Icon in Newton may be also be offered in memory or honor of a loved one. The suggested offering for each is \$10.00.

CREIGHTON FERTILITYCARE SYSTEM

The Creighton FertilityCare System is a highly effective and morally acceptable natural method of family planning. It is healthy and strengthens marriage. It is used to achieve a pregnancy or avoid a pregnancy and can be useful in the diagnosis and treatment of reproductive disease. Online introductory classes will be held on the first Wednesday and third Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. For more information, contact Mary Menendez, CFCP, St. Gerard Majella FertilityCare Services, at 603-642-8050 or CreightonFertility@yahoo.com.

Christmas Craft Fair!

Saturday, November 9, 2019

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**St. Luke the Evangelist
Parish Center**

**8 Atkinson Depot Road
(Route 121) Plaistow, NH**



Thousands of one-of-a-kind gifts from 24+ vendors of high-quality hand-crafted and hand-made items. Plus: Country Store, Silent Auction, Jewelry and our very famous Cookie Heaven. Something for every budget. Five Big Raffles: \$1,000 Cash Raffle, Wine Raffle, Penny Sale, Theme Basket Raffle, Quilt Raffle. Breakfast and lunch available. Refreshments, live entertainment, and children's activities all day. Photos with Santa Claus from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. **Plenty of free parking! No admission fee! Indoors—rain or shine.** Please note: the Parish Center is NOT wheelchair accessible. Questions? Call 603-382-8324.

KNIGHTS ITALIAN FESTIVAL

**To Help The Survivors Of Hurricane Dorian
In The Bahamas**

As you know Hurricane Dorian destroyed a good portion of the Bahamas with 185+ mph winds for over 24 hours. 50 are dead and over a 1,000 people are still missing. 70,000 people are homeless and there is very little power and no running water. The situation is desperate, and the good people of Bahamas need our help now. Please join the Knights on **Saturday, October 19th for our Italian Festival**. All net proceeds will be donated to the Knight's relief fund to help the victims. The Knights have already donated supplies, manpower, equipment and close to a \$1,000,000. **The Festival will be in our Parish Center from 5PM to 7:00 PM.** We will have music, a treasure chest of cheer to raffle off along with lots of themed gift baskets and tickets to see Jonathan Edwards at the Tupelo music hall in Derry, NH. We will have a great meal with homemade sauce and meatballs, ziti, spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, desserts and beverages. Tickets are \$9 for an adult, \$5 for a child and a maximum of \$25 for a family. **Tickets will be on sale after Masses on the weekends of October 5th and the 12th and will also be on sale at the door.** Take out meals will also be available. This promises to be a good time while at the same time helping our brothers and sisters in the Bahamas.



BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER!

Learn more about your faith while serving your community at Sunday Mass. Just visit the Sacristy in Church before Mass and speak to Father Albert. All Servers begin as “observers” and gradually learn what Servers do during Mass.

ALL AGES WELCOME!

To become an Altar Server, you must be in the third grade or higher, and have received first Eucharist. Obtain Parent permission form from Father Albert. Parents – call 382-8324 for more information or email fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net.

Want to help out at Sunday Mass?

We are looking for **KIDS,
YOUTH and FAMILIES**
to serve as:

- **READERS** (sharing the Word of God at Mass)
- **ALTAR SERVERS** (helping in the sanctuary)
- **USHERS** (helping take up the collection)
- **GREETERS** (welcoming people to Church & handing out the Bulletin)

Interested?

See Father Albert for more information.

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR
Saturday, November 9, 2019 – 9:00 am–3:00 pm – St. Luke the Evangelist Parish Center

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET

*** PLEASE RETURN NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 20 ***

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

Name: _____ **Best time to reach you:** _____

Best day-time phone: _____ **Home** ____ **Cell** ____ **Work** ____

Best evening phone: _____ **Home** ____ **Cell** ____ **Work** ____

E-mail: _____

Mailing Address: _____

THE CHRISTMAS FAIR NEEDS YOUR HELP

We have another opportunity to work together to host another Fantastic Fair! Thank you, in advance, for your generous donations, physical assistance and participation. This Fair would not exist without YOU!

Please indicate below where and when you can help and how you can donate.

You may sign up for more than one thing as long as timeframes don't overlap.

IMMEDIATE HELP NEEDED FOR SILENT AUCTION

_____ **2 to 3 volunteers** to make easy daytime phone calls in follow-up to donation requests. (if you can help with this, please reach out to Julie Lamere ASAP by calling 603-382-8324 or emailing at stlukenhfair@gmail.com)

_____ **In October: 2 to 3 volunteers** to help pick up donated items in Plaistow, Newton & surrounding towns

HELP NEEDED ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9, THE DAY OF THE FAIR

SATURDAY, 11/9

_____ **7am-2pm** – Help with Parking – I am available from _____ to _____

_____ **2:30pm-5pm** – Monitor Silent Auction Tables as bids are tallied and/or pack items for transport

_____ **3:30pm-5pm** – Help breakdown Fair in Parish Center and/or bring items to the church

_____ **3:30pm-6pm** – We need at least TWO Trucks or vehicles with open trailer, is this YOU??

_____ **After 4pm Mass** – Additional assistance will be needed in the Parish Center

_____ **5pm-8pm** – Help with “After Fair” Silent Auction work: calling winners, organizing items, tallying, etc.

PARISH TABLE HELP - Please indicate your preferred shift(s) below:

_____ Early Bird 7:30 am – 9:00 am

_____ Afternoon 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

_____ Morning 8:30 am – 11:00 am

_____ Fair Breakdown 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm

_____ Lunch 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

_____ Other Time Frame, be specific _____

If possible, I prefer to help with the:

_____ CAFÉ Cashier

_____ CA\$H RAFFLE

_____ Children's Corner

_____ Cookie Heaven

_____ Country Store

_____ Penny Sale

_____ ***Put Me Where Needed!***

_____ Jewelry Table

_____ Quilt Raffle

_____ Silent Auction

_____ Theme Basket

_____ WINE Raffle

***Please arrive 5-10 minutes early & stop at Volunteer Check-In for assignment.**

_____ I can't stand for very long

_____ I can't climb stairs

_____ I can't lift heavy items

I will donate **non-perishable**, **NEW** or **LIKE NEW** items for all parish Tables – and will deliver them to the Parish Office, or either church, from NOW up until Sunday, 11/3:

Silent Auction – Penny Sale – Country Store – Jewelry – Wine Raffle – Children's Corner

I will donate **perishable** items and deliver them **DIRECTLY** to the Parish Center on Friday, 11/8 from 3pm-8pm.

_____ **Country Store:** _____

_____ **Cookie Heaven:** BAKE cookies, BAKE cookies, BAKE cookies, BAKE cookies, and BAKE more cookies!

_____ **St. Luke's Café:** Please watch for special sign-ups in October!

Please indicate below where and when you can help during the week PRIOR to the Fair

You may sign up for more than one thing as long as timeframes don't overlap.

Plan to arrive 5-10 minutes before your time slot.

SUNDAY, 11/3, the week BEFORE the Fair

_____ **After 8am Mass** – DRIVE donations from Newton Church to Parish Office in Plaistow.

_____ **After 10am Mass** – CARRY donations from Plaistow Church to Parish Office.

WEDNESDAY, 11/6

Stage Decoration & Banner Hanging Heroes

_____ **3pm-5pm** – Three (3) volunteers are needed to assist the Fair Lead with some initial set-up. Volunteers must be willing and able to: carry a few awkward, but not heavy, items and boxes from various places and negotiate stairs. We will move some lightweight items around as well. This group will then split: one team will hang banners in the gym. The other team will “decorate” the stage with 2 Christmas trees, garland, flowers and a wreath. Volunteers must be comfortable climbing & using a step ladder.

THURSDAY, 11/7 *Please note that all jobs listed below involve stairs, walking, carrying, paying attention, teamwork, communication and a friendly “can-do” spirit. Also, Fair set-up is not predictable; it may go faster, or slower, than anticipated. Flexibility is key.*

Trucks/Vehicle with open trailer

_____ **3pm-6pm** – We could use two (2) trucks and/or vehicles with open trailer, anyone??

Work Area Set-up

_____ **3pm-4pm** – Two (2) volunteers are needed to set up the Volunteer Check-In Area. Volunteers must be able to: sweep; carry two 6' lightweight plastic tables, 3 chairs and a trash can to the area; as well as tape an extension cord and power strip to the floor.

Super Schlepers of Seasonal Stuff

_____ **3pm-4:30pm** – Four (4) volunteers are needed to help gather necessary items. Volunteers must be willing and able to: carry tables in a variety of sizes and weights as well as other items from various places, negotiate stairs, and place the items in the Café Holding Area.

Transporters of Treasures

_____ **4:30pm-6pm** – Four (4) volunteers to load lots of items onto a truck/trailer from the Parish Office and unload them into the Parish Center gym and then over to the correct Parish tables as labeled.

Conveyers of Collections

_____ **5pm-6pm** – Four (4) people needed to help unload items from vehicles to the Country Store & Silent Auction areas. Volunteers must be able to pay attention to which items go where.

Distributors of Display Blocks and Chairs

_____ **5pm-6pm** – Four (4) volunteers to distribute chairs & wooden display blocks around the gym as noted on map.

FRIDAY, 11/8

Between 12 Noon – 8pm

_____ Help set-up Parish Tables: I am available from _____ to _____

_____ Help set-up Silent Auction: I am available from _____ to _____

Between 12 Noon – 8pm

_____ Hold doors as vendors come in & out of Parish Center: I am available from _____ to _____

Café Set-up & Decoration

_____ **3pm-4pm** Two (2) volunteers to assist with decorating the café area. No heavy lifting required.

SATURDAY, 11/9 ****SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ALL SATURDAY OPPORTUNITIES****

SUNDAY, 11/10

_____ **9:00am-12:30pm** – Assist distributing Silent Auction Items to winning bidders in Plaistow Parish Hall.

_____ **11:00am-12:30pm** – Help hand out Raffle Prizes to winners in the RE Office of Plaistow Parish Hall.

If you would like more information about anything fair-related, please email: stlukenhfair@gmail.com.

The Gospel at Home

This Week's Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

This Sunday's Gospel challenges us to be selfless and care for others who need help. Jesus tells a story of a poor beggar named Lazarus who lived outside the gates of a Rich Man's house. Lazarus' requests for help were ignored for years. Lazarus finally found comfort in Heaven once he had died. The Rich Man passed away and went to the netherworld. The Rich Man begged Abraham for mercy, just as Lazarus had once begged the Rich Man. Abraham reprimanded the Rich Man for his actions during his lifetime and for not heeding the warnings in Scripture. Jesus reminds us that we have been provided with all of the resources in our lives to understand God's desire for us to serve one another. Take time this week to reflect on steps your family can take to become more aware of the ways you can share God's love with other people.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): The children learned the importance of helping people who need assistance. The children discussed how they can help their friends when things go wrong and which adults they can depend on for help. They read the story of the Rich Man who would not share with the Poor Man. Talk with your child about the importance of sharing with other people and helping others feel welcome. Ask your child about some things he or she can do to help others, especially members of your family.

Promise (Grades K-1): Your child's class talked about the importance of sharing with others. Ask your child to tell you about how and where we can share food with those who don't have enough. How did he or she feel when the Rich Man didn't share his food with the Poor Man? What could the Rich Man have done to help the Poor Man? The class concluded by learning that we share our world with all of God's creation. Make a plan with your child to do something good for another person, or the Earth, this week.

Good News (Grades 2-3): This week's lesson taught the importance of being aware of other people's needs. The class learned about Saint Francis of Assisi's encounter with a leper. The class also presented a play of the Rich Man and the Beggar. What were the consequences of the Rich Man's lack of awareness of the Beggar's needs? How could the Rich Man have benefitted from being aware of God's word? Ask your child to tell you what he or she is good at. Discuss how your child can use his or her gifts to help others who may be gifted in different ways.

Venture (Grades 4-6): The class began by reading a series of interviews about St. Francis' conversion to Christianity. St. Francis of Assisi changed his life after encountering others who needed help. The young people then read the story of the Rich Man and Lazarus. How could the Rich Man have treated Lazarus when they were both alive on Earth? What does Jesus want us to learn from this Gospel story? How can your child avoid growing complacent?

Visions (Grades 7-8): Ask your youngster to recount the story of Marcus and Jalen. What clues did Marcus miss that indicated his friend was hungry? How could Marcus have handled the situation better? Compare the story of Marcus and Jalen to the Gospel story of the Rich Man and Lazarus. Talk to your child about how we can avoid becoming complacent. What can we do to open our eyes and be more aware of the needs of others?

Pray Together

Have each family member use his or her own words to pray for those who feel left out by their friends, families, and communities. Brainstorm ways your family can work toward helping those who will benefit from your love.



Maybe

it's time

To re-connect with your Church

To re-new yourself and others through the unique power of the Holy Spirit who guides us in Love and Truth.

If you are a baptized Catholic, have received your First Communion, but decided against Confirmation as a teen, maybe **NOW IS THE TIME** for you to re-consider **Confirmation**.

- ✓ Maybe you weren't ready when you were sixteen years old.
- ✓ Maybe you didn't want to be pressured into it by your family and peers.
- ✓ Maybe you weren't sure that Catholic is who you wanted to be.
- ✓ Maybe you were just beginning to doubt that what you were taught as a child -- about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Virgin Mary, the Eucharist, the saints, eternal life -- was all too good to be true.
- ✓ Maybe you were overwhelmed with school commitments, personal disappointments, and feeling that God really didn't care if you were Catholic anyway.

Sessions begin
soon!

God *does* care about you. *For some reason*, God chose you to be born into a family that would bring you to the Catholic Church for Baptism.

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

Confirmation.

If you are 18 or over and were never Confirmed, contact the Parish Office. With little time and reflection, practicing Catholics can be prepared to celebrate the gift of the Spirit in their lives.

Maybe it's your time.

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Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
September 29, 2019

Learning How to Love

By Mary Katharine Deeley

How do we best love God and one another? A student, wanting to become more like Christ in welcoming all people, decided that he would greet every one of his fraternity brothers every week and ask how they were and that he would say hello to the man who sat in front of the drugstore in town begging for change and invite him to lunch. In May, when it came time to see how he did, the student had indeed talked to his fraternity brothers every week and greeted the beggar, but he never did invite him to lunch. “I just couldn’t do

it,” he said. “I was a little afraid of what it would mean. Would I be responsible to help him again?” We talked about it a little, and I invited him to put that question to God in prayer.

I’m not sure we have an easy answer to what it means to look someone in the face and invite him to share a meal. And I daresay not many of us would do what that student set out to do. But St. Paul urges us to “pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness” (1 Timothy 6:11). That’s a lifetime’s work and possible only with the grace of God. Surely, as we grow in those virtues, we will come to see all people as worthy of our time and care without worrying about what might happen in the future. It may not be practical and it certainly won’t be easy. But the demands of God’s love compel us to try. And if we do so, we might not share the fate of the rich man in Luke’s Gospel who learned too late how best to love. +

Sunday Readings

Amos 6:1a, 4–7

Now they shall be the first to go into exile, and the carousing of those who lounged shall cease.

1 Timothy 6:11–16

The blessed and only ruler will make manifest at the proper time, the King of kings and Lord of lords.

Luke 16:19–31

“Abraham said, ‘If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.’”

*As we grow in virtue,
we will come to see all people
as worthy of our time
and care.*

A Word from Pope Francis

More than a place, [heaven] is a “state” of soul in which our deepest hopes are fulfilled in superabundance and our being, as creatures and as children of God, reach their full maturity. We will finally be clothed in the joy, peace and love of God, completely, without any limit, and we will come face to face with him!

—General audience,
November 26,
2014



REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Do I ever reach out to a stranger in need, or am I too busy or fearful to get involved?
- Do I direct a large portion of my wealth and material blessings to those in need?

Facing Life's End with Faith

By Mary Jo Dangel

Twice in eight years, I've been involved in making end-of-life decisions about my two adult sons, Tim and Ritch, who were born with cystic fibrosis (CF), an incurable hereditary disease. While the decisions were the most difficult I've ever made, knowing their wishes and the Church's teachings, as well as having faith in the promise of eternal life, made it easier.

In 2011, while awaiting a lung transplant, Tim, age thirty-three, was admitted to the intensive care unit (ICU) with life-threatening problems. Initially, his condition was serious but hopeful. He was receiving nutrition and medications, and was attached to a ventilator and other life support. His treatment fell under what the Church calls "ordinary" means: efforts that offer more realistic hope of benefit to the patient than burden. The Church teaches that such ordinary means must be used.

Soon Tim took a turn for the worse. He became unconscious, and his vital signs deteriorated. I prayed for healing but knew Tim's situation was hopeless. As I looked at him, hooked to tubes and machines, I thought of Mary watching Jesus on the cross and wondered, *How long will Tim hang on his cross?*

I wasn't surprised when the CF specialist who had been treating Tim and Ritch explained why the medical team was



recommending we sign a do-not-resuscitate (DNR) order. Through tears, she said that, if they tried to resuscitate him, broken ribs could puncture his diseased lungs. Also, Tim's weak heart would likely stop again.

Resuscitating Tim under such hopeless

conditions falls under what the Church calls "extraordinary" means: efforts whose potential benefits do not outweigh the burdens they impose. The Church allows death to happen by withholding extraordinary means, but it condemns the willful taking of life through euthanasia or assisted suicide.

Thankfully, our family agreed that the only thing more painful than signing the DNR order would've been making Tim endure more suffering without any benefit. Tim wanted to be an organ and tissue donor, but the condition of his body made him an unsuitable candidate.

Tim's death convinced Ritch to get his own legal affairs in order. Ritch, age thirty-six, had a rare liver condition associated with CF. In 2016, he passed out due to internal bleeding and was admitted to the same ICU where Tim had died. Ritch's condition soon became hopeless. He clung to life despite blood transfusions and other efforts. Fortunately, our priest came and said that discontinuing Ritch's life support was compatible with Church teaching.

Ritch had signed his organ-donor card but, like Tim, his organs were unsuitable for transplantation. However, some tissues (skin, bones, tendons, for example) could be used to save and improve the lives of many people. We said yes.

The same CF specialist who had been at the hospital when Tim died rushed to be there when Ritch's life-support systems were discontinued. Again, we cried together and I thanked her for caring for my boys. Our immediate family stayed with Ritch until his heart stopped.

I can only imagine the difficulty of making these decisions if we hadn't known Tim's and Ritch's wishes or if there had been disagreements. It's critical to have your legal affairs in order, understand Church teaching, and discuss your wishes with loved ones and doctors.

Guiding Wishes

The American Bar Association (americanbar.org) has resources on health-care advance directives and related legal issues, and the prolife pages of the Catholic bishops' site (uscbb.org/prolife) has a comprehensive explanation of Church teaching on end-of-life issues.

Making end-of-life arrangements in advance reminds us of the dignity and value of our earthly lives and the eternal reward that awaits us in the next. +



*Lord, help me to be generous
in showing your love and
compassion to those in need.*

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

WEEKDAY READINGS

September 30–
October 5

Monday, St. Jerome:
Zec 8:1–8 / Lk 9:46–50

Tuesday, St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus:
Zec 8:20–23 / Lk 9:51–56

Wednesday, Holy Guardian Angels:
Neh 2:1–8 / Mt 18:1–5, 10

Thursday, Weekday:
Neh 1:1–4a, 5–6, 7b–12 / Lk 10:1–12

Friday, St. Francis of Assisi:
Bar 1:15–22 / Lk 10:13–16

Saturday, Weekday:
Bar 4:5–12, 27–29 / Lk 10:17–24