

MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

September 20, 2020

Twenty-fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

4:00 PM

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

Found in Bulletin insert

Gathering: God, We Praise You

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 100)

*All the earth proclaim the Lord,
Sing your praise to God.*

Preparation As The Deer Longs

Mass Parts Mass Of Creation

Communion I Received The Living God
One Bread, One Body

Recessional: Sent Forth By God's Blessing

✠ PARISH TITHING ✠

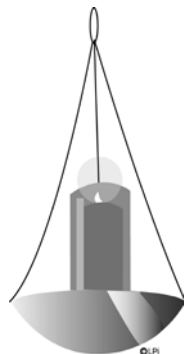
Our Parish needs to take in \$9700.00 each week in order to make ends meet. This amount represents an adjusted budget offertory of \$8500.00 per week plus the combination of budgeted Property and Fuel second collections (\$4800.00 per month divided into 4 weeks or \$1200.00 weekly). Your weekly contribution helps ensure that the Parish remains a vibrant community. Please remember to submit your weekly gift even if you will be away. Consider signing up for electronic giving (see below). Especially in these trying times, your Parish depends on your responsible stewardship and support!

September 6, 2020

Offertory	\$6,175.06
Property Management	\$ 949.65

September 13, 2020

Offertory	\$7,285.71
Catholic University & USCCB	\$ 899.00



The Sanctuary Candle in Mary, Mother of the Church will burn this week in loving memory of **Mateo Intervalo**
By Tess Moulaison

The Sanctuary Candle in Holy Angels Church will burn this week for **The Merola Family**



Out of respect for the Lord in consideration of fellow parishioners, please remember to silence or turn off your cell phones during Mass. Thank you!



Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish uses **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. 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 20	Fuel
September 27	Priest Retirement Fund

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 ❖

THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH

Our Parish community continues with our Capital Campaign. Our planned projects include exterior painting for the church and Parish house in Newton, interior painting of the Church in Newton, electrical upgrades for both Plaistow and Newton churches and remediation of the Plaistow and Newton parking lots.

The COVID shutdown put all projects on hold, so we are *s l o w l y* getting things back on track.

A proposal for parking lot remediation on both campuses is currently in the works, we are hoping to be able to complete this project before the snow flies!

Can you help?

Any contribution is welcome.

Make checks payable to

Saint Luke the Evangelist – Capital Campaign.



Saint Luke will sponsor a **VIRTUAL Christmas Fair** with on-line auction, on-line raffles, and virtual opportunities for all to help our Parish. We will use the website BiddingOwl which will enable us to host our Silent Auction and Theme Basket raffles, and our famous Ca\$h raffle, Wine Raffle and a raffle for a homemade quilt donated by Barbara Lawrence.

Your donations and creativity are needed to make our virtual Fair a reality! **Donations are welcome every Saturday in September from 3-5 PM, and every Sunday from 9 am - Noon in the Hall at Plaistow.** The FAIR goes LIVE on Saturday, October 10!

See the insert in the Bulletin today for more information!



**FEED THE
HUNGRY**

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your generosity towards the hungry of our area!

Non-perishable food or personal 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. **Call the Pantry at 819-4949 for more information.**

COVID-19 IS STILL AROUND!

The obligation to attend Sunday Liturgy remains suspended in the Diocese of Manchester for all who are health compromised. No person who has been ill or exposed to someone who is ill should be attending Liturgy.

Anyone who has had recent symptoms of fever, any respiratory symptoms (runny nose, nasal congestion, sore throat, cough, shortness of breath), chills, severe fatigue or changes in sense of smell or taste may have been exposed to COVID-19. Testing is encouraged. Please refrain from attending any liturgical service.

Liturgy online or on TV...

Boston Catholic Television	catholicstv.org
Sunday Mass from Notre Dame	
	catholicstv.org/masses/notre-dame-mass
Salt & Light TV	saltandlighttv.org
Eternal Word Television	ewtn.com

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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Wednesday, September 23

Holy Angels Church Plaistow open for
private prayer all day

Thursday, September 24

8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration **Newton**

Saturday, September 26

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation **Plaistow**

Because of COVID restrictions, many Parish events and groups are currently cancelled. We will begin more Parish programs with all precautions as restrictions ease.



We're looking for new members! Have you ever wondered what the St. Vincent de Paul Society is all about? Our meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday at 7 PM of each month. New members are always welcome. We look forward to meeting you and

answering any questions. **(Please contact our Secretary, Jim Edwards, at (603) 642-5236 or jimmy69180@hotmail.com to find out if our meeting is live at the church hall or virtual on ZOOM.)** If you seek assistance or need information about the Society, call (603) 382-8324, ext.315.

If you seek assistance or need information about the St. Vincent de Paul Society, call 603-382-8324, ext. 315.

AMAZON SMILE

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish has been issued a **\$62.58** donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between April 1 and June 30, 2020.

AmazonSmile customers can now support Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish in the Amazon shopping app on iOS and Android mobile phones. Simply follow these instructions to turn on AmazonSmile and start generating donations.

1. Open the Amazon Shopping app on your device.
2. Go into the main menu of the Amazon Shopping app and tap into Settings.
3. Tap AmazonSmile and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process.

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

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, September 19 ~ Vigil / 25th Sunday in Ord. Time
1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49 (Day)

Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a (Vigil)

4:00 PM Frank Szczapa (4th Anniv) by his family
Plaistow

Sunday, September 20 ~ 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

8:00 AM People of the Parish
Newton

10:00 AM John Caiazza by Knights of Columbus, #6617
Plaistow

Monday, September 21 ~ Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

8:00 AM Patricia Carroll
by Joseph and Maureen Preble and family
Newton

Tuesday, September 22 ~ Weekday

Prv 21:1-6, 10:13; Lk 8:19-21

8:00 AM Rachel Antell by the Graziano family
Plaistow

Wednesday, September 23 ~ Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

6:30 PM For Michael and his recovery
Plaistow

Thursday, September 24 ~ Weekday

Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9

8:00 AM Clement Bergeron (Month's Mind)
Newton

Friday, September 25 ~ Weekday

Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22

No Mass

Saturday, September 26 ~ Vigil / 26th Sunday in Ord. Time

Eccl 11:9—12:8; Lk 9:43b-45 (Day)

Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Phillip and Natalie Gagnon
by the Lanseigne family
Plaistow

Sunday, September 27 ~ 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

8:00 AM Wallace Antczak (Birthday Remembrance)
by the Burge family
Newton

10:00 AM Roy Lajoie by the Knights of Columbus #6617
Plaistow

PRAYER LINE

St. Luke's offers a prayer line as a resource for those seeking prayer assistance. To submit your prayer request please call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 314 or email her at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

✠ FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION ✠

Religious Education Registration



Religious Education Registration for the 2020-2021 Academic Year for Grades Pre-K through 8 has begun. The entire Fall semester of Religious Education will be done ON-LINE using materials provided by the Parish and access from our publisher,

Pflaum. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED** for all students. Print materials will be distributed from the Parish Hall, and on-line access will be provided to registered families.

If your child is currently enrolled, a registration form has been sent home. If your child is new to the Religious Education program, please call the Parish Office at 603-382-8324 and speak to Cathy Smith or Father Albert for more information. The Parish offers Religious Education for children in school grades K – 8.

FIRST EUCHARIST – CONFIRMATION

Our Bishop has given us permission to celebrate Eucharist and Confirmation with the Candidates deferred from the spring shut down. We will celebrate with our Candidates in small groups at the 10 am Liturgy on Sundays throughout October and into the first two weeks of November.



St. Luke the Evangelist is now on Facebook! Go to www.facebook.com/stlukenh.org/ or **St. Luke the Evangelist Parish – Newton/Plaistow** and give us a Like! Please invite fellow parishioners & friends to do the same.



The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is the process by which people become members of the Roman Catholic Church. Be a good agent of welcome and evangelization! If you or someone you know is interested in inquiring about becoming a member of the Roman Catholic Church, contact Cathy Smith in the Parish Office.

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 call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305 or email her at

csmith@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
St. Luke's Food Pantry	819-4949
Preschool	382-9783
Presentation of Mary Convent	382-2744

Fr. Albert Tremblay
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Joyce Szczapa
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✠ Parish News ~ Around The Diocese ✠

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. **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, visit:**

www.kofc.org/un/en/todays-knights/what-we-do.html

VOTE 2020

"We need to participate for the common good. Sometimes we hear: a good Catholic is not interested in politics. This is not true: good Catholics immerse themselves in politics by offering the best of themselves so that the leader can govern. – Pope Francis, 9/16/13
Go to the voting page on the Diocese of Manchester website for information on registration and voting in the 2020 elections.

www.catholicnh.org/community/public-issues/voting

Visit

Visit www.usccb.org for more information about making prudent decisions in the political process.

FOR THE RECORD...

We need your help to keep our Parish records current. If there are any births, deaths, marriages, moves, or address changes in your family, please notify the Parish Office at 603-382-8324 or by email at jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net. If you are new to our Parish, registration forms are available at the entrances of both churches. You can also find a registration form on our website at http://stlukenh.org.

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 at Mary Mother of the Church will burn in loving memory of

Mary D. Carrafiello

Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone "Virtual"!

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a virtual marriage experience called **Restore – Rekindle – Renew**. This Enrichment Experience will meet via Zoom for seven sessions on **Monday evenings September 14 to October 26 from 7-9:30 PM**.

Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

TAI CHI RETURNS!

The Parish will once again offer Tai Chi classes beginning on **September 24**. Classes will be held on **Thursdays at 3:00 PM and at 7:00 PM**. A minimum of three (3) students per class will be needed to hold the class. Social distancing and all COVID-19 protocols, including masks, are required. Contact the Parish Office to register. 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.

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.

Saint Luke the Evangelist

8 Atkinson Depot Road Plalstow, NH 03865 TEL (603) 382-8324 FAX (603) 382-1113

Dear Saint Luke Parishioner:

This note is addressed to the whole Parish community as a way of thanking you for your generosity and good stewardship over the course of the past months. The pandemic has forced so many institutions to think about their mission in new ways and with new purpose, the Parish is certainly in the thick of that "new normal." The pandemic has also challenged families personally, financially, and spiritually. I am simply awestruck by the many ways so many in our community have risen to the occasion.

As expected, the Parish's donations have dropped off in the past few months. I am happy to report that the drop off was not as precipitous as we initially feared. This is a testament to the good stewardship of our community.

The drop in offertory during the shutdown was mitigated by the Parish's participation in the Federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). The PPP provided the Parish with \$53,000.00 that funded employee payroll for 8 weeks, enabling our staff to keep working on your behalf. The PPP is a loan that is designed to be forgiven, we are in the process of filing documents for loan forgiveness.

Since the re-opening of the Parish churches for liturgical services, we have been blessed by your generosity. The offertory remains strong, which has enabled us to continue to serve the needs of our community, pay staff and maintain our campuses.

A significant downturn in donations has happened with "second collections." This is understandable since those collections often represent a special need or cause and parishioners already concerned about their ability to contribute are forced to make decisions with their resources. I call your attention to the PROPERTY MANAGEMENT and FUEL collections that we would typically take up on the first and third Sundays of the month. These collections are not for a special need or cause, they are fundamental to the Parish budget to pay utility bills and other property costs. Perhaps because these are "second collections" they are perceived as optional, but they form an integral part of how the Parish operates. Downturns in those collections force us to draw funds from the regular Offertory to pay bills.

For some time, the weekly Bulletin has listed a need for \$7000.00 per week in Offertory to meet expenses. In consultation with the Finance Council and appreciating inflation and expenses, this total has been adjusted to 8500.00 per week. With the Property Management and Fuel budgeted at 2400.00 per month each, (divided by 4 weeks) the actual figure for the Parish's weekly needs is more in the order of **\$9700.00**. I call your attention to this issue to better inform you of the Parish's ongoing needs and the way in which we structure our budget and spending. In future editions of the Parish weekly Bulletin, you will see this revised figure of \$9700.00 as a way of reflecting our true financial needs. This amount reflects the regular Sunday Offertory and the two monthly FUEL and PROPERTY MANAGEMENT collections divided out into a four-week month.

I encourage anyone who is not able to join us at Liturgy to sign up for our electronic giving program. We use PARISH GIVING as a way for parishioners to make electronic transfers or use their credit card to make donations to the Parish. The PARISH GIVING program allows you to select collections and giving amounts week by week or months at a time. It allows you to budget your contributions and continue your good stewardship to the Parish even when you are not able to be at church. Log onto the Parish website at www.stlukenh.org and click on the PARISH GIVING logo to register.

Our Parish is still coming to grips with the "new normal" of a global pandemic, a task many parishioners face each day as well. I continue to be thankful and amazed by generosity of our community on behalf of the Parish, our Saint Luke the Evangelist Food Pantry, and our Parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society. I remain committed to working through this time with a sense of optimism for the Parish's future.

The Finance Council is currently discussing ways in which more cost savings might be achieved in the months ahead. Thank you for your continued support of the mission of Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish, and my God continue to console us, strengthen us, and bless us all.

God's peace,



Father Albert, obl. SB
Pastor

On behalf of the Finance Council



Ever wonder how you can make a difference for those in your community?

Saint Vincent de Paul's Annual Fundraiser, the Walk for the Poor, is our largest fundraiser. This year, the need is greater than it has ever been. We all know more people are struggling financially than ever before. They are looking for a hand up to get them through this rough patch. This is where the **Society of Saint Vincent de Paul** can help. We give that hand up - to help pay rent, put food on their table, get their car repaired to be able to go to work, keep their home heated, get medicine they require, etc. We want to have the funds to be able to help anyone who asks, but we need your help in doing that! Please consider joining our walk this year. We would love to see families walking to help other families. We encourage people to walk in memory of a loved one - what a beautiful way to be remembered. Every dollar raised goes directly to helping people in our community.

This year, there are two options for our walk:

Option 1 - Walk with us on September 26, 2020

We will leave from Mary, Mother of the Church by proceeding left onto Amesbury Road, right onto Bear Hill Road and back, which is a little over a mile. Registration will be at 9 a.m. with the walk beginning at 10 a.m. Water, Gatorade and tee-shirts will be available. We will be socially distancing as we are walking.

OR

Option 2 - Walk "Virtually" ANYTIME from September 26 through October 10, 2020 virtually. Walk your dog, do a family walk or hike, walk on your treadmill at the gym, walk around your neighborhood – just please WALK! Send us a picture of you walking, (if you want) and we will post it on our Facebook page.

Both options require you to fill out a simple registration form at <https://www.fopwalk.org/event/2503>

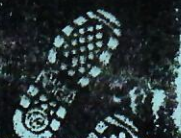
If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Madeiros madeiros7@msn.com or Susan Mokray suziqmo@aol.com visit our Facebook page www.facebook.com/SVDP/?ti=as

The Friends of the Poor® Walk/Run is a national event coordinated by the Development Team at the National Council of the United States Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Will you walk a mile with us to support our mission to help the poor in our community?



FRIENDS OF THE POOR® WALK/RUN
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Walker/Runner Pledge Sheet

Walker's Full Name:

SVdP Conference/Council Name:

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St Luke's VIRTUAL Christmas Fair 2020

THANK YOU for all the items donated so far; things are looking good!!

We are desperate for Wine donations. We've received THREE (3) bottles of wine for our Wine Raffle. We need 59 additional bottles to reach our minimum promised give-away of 62 bottles of wine. Can you help?



We also need: Lottery Tickets, Lots & Lots of Lottery Tickets; New items in original boxes: Toys, Fun Gadgets, Power Tools, Items for men, women, boys or girls; Gift Certificates to Local Favorite Places; Jewelry; and WINE WINE WINE !

Theme Baskets: On the outside of your Theme Basket donation, please include a card which indicates the contents of the basket. On the reverse side, please also include the approximate "Retail Value" of your donated Theme Basket.

Donations are needed no later than Sunday September 27.

We are receiving donations on the following days, downstairs in the Parish Hall at Plaistow

Saturday, Sept. 19 from 3:00PM-5:00PM or Sunday, Sept. 20 from 9:00AM-12:00PM

Saturday, Sept. 26 from 3:00PM-5:00PM or Sunday, Sept. 27 from 9:00AM-12:00PM

... Masks Are Required ...

Four Fabulous Raffles

There are 4 full-color Posters of our raffles as well as Cash Raffle tickets. Please take some and sell them to your friends and family!! SELL SELL SELL!

Additionally, you may use the Order Form, located on the back side of this insert, to purchase raffle tickets for our Big Raffles: **The Ca\$h Raffle, The Wine Raffle, The Quilt Raffle,** and the **Victorian Doll House!**

BE SURE TO FILL IN THE INFORMATION as well as Indicate quantities for each desired raffle, Add up how much you owe, Make your check payable to:

St. Luke's Parish, Pop the form and check in an envelope marked RAFFLES and drop it in the collection basket - OR mail it to: St. Luke the Evangelist Parish,
Attn: RAFFLES, 8 Atkinson Depot Rd., Plaistow, NH 03865

"Raffle Tickets! Get Your Raffle Tickets HERE!!"



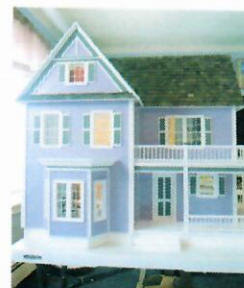
CASH RAFFLE with a 2020 Theme

1st Prize: \$1,020.20 — 2nd Prize: \$220.20 — and four 3rd Prizes: \$50 each
\$1.00 each, or **SIX (6) chances to WIN for \$5.00**

VICTORIAN DOLL HOUSE RAFFLE

Enter to win this one-of-a-kind Doll House 35W x 33H x 25D)
comes complete with furniture for six (6) charming rooms!

Purchase one (1) ticket for \$5.00, or **FIVE (5) chances to WIN for \$20.00**



QUILT RAFFLE

Enter to win this cheery, hand-made Quilt (62"x87") complete with two (2) matching Pillows!

Purchase one (1) ticket for \$5.00 or **FIVE (5) chances to WIN for \$20.00**

WINE RAFFLE 2020

1st Prize: 50+ bottles of WINE!! — 2nd Prize: 12 bottles of wine of various types.
One (1) for \$10.00, THREE (3) for \$25.00, or **FIVE (5) chances to WIN for \$40.00**



RAFFLE TICKET ORDER FORM (checks payable to : St Luke the Evangelist Parish)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Raffle	Quantity of Tickets	Total \$
Cash Raffle	_____	\$ _____
Victorian Doll House	_____	\$ _____
Quilt Raffle	_____	\$ _____
Wine Raffle	_____	\$ _____
Total Owed		\$ _____

Once the order form and proper payment are received, you will be emailed confirmation of receipt and assurance that your tickets have been filled out and added to the appropriate Raffle.

The Gospel at Home

This Sunday's Gospel: Matthew 20:1–16a

Jesus' parable about the workers in the vineyard unsettles today's audience just as it unsettled the priests and elders who first heard it. It is just not fair! Some get paid a full day's wages for one hour of work while others who worked all day long receive the exact same pay. This story, after all, is not about fair wages. It is about God's love, which abounds for all. The parable is a way to talk to young people who are ever troubled by unfairness about God's generous love.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): Take time to go through *Seeds* with your child. Urge your child to tell you the story of "Grandpa's Chair" using the pictures. Let your child use page 1 of the lesson booklet to teach you about the workers in the vineyard. Have your child show you how he or she colored Jesus. Consider displaying the picture in a place where the family or child says prayers.

Promise (Grades K–1): Ask your child to share with your family the rebus story on the third page of the lesson. Talk about all the good things he or she will learn this year. Then ask your child to share the story of the Gospel with your family. Let your child teach you the prayer the class learned as well as the gestures that go with the prayer.

Good News (Grades 2–3): Your child learned how Matthew's images of the vineyard and the workers send the message of God's great love. Talk about your child's notions of fairness. Talk, too, about the ways of being generous with the

gifts that God has given. Ask your child to tell you in his or her own words the story titled, "Who Helped the Most?" Test your young one about the difference between Church with a capital C and church with a small c.

Venture (Grades 4–6): Your child learned about how important parables were in the teaching of Jesus. Talk about the parable in this Sunday's Gospel. Discuss ways your family can show that you are working for God's kingdom. This week also provides an opportunity for your family to talk about fairness and generosity, perhaps using the example of your own family's rules and expectations. Ask your young person to tell you something about Saint Francis Xavier's life.

Visions (Grades 7–9): In this week's lesson, your child explored what fairness means to God in order to understand God's great generosity. The class also learned how the Liturgy builds up the Christian community and the important role parables played in Jesus' teaching. Make up some parables of your own to show how important the Church is to you and your family. Start each of your parables with the words, "The Kingdom of God is like . . .".

Pray Together

When you complete your conversation about the Sunday's Gospel lesson, pray together in your own words that God will help your family grow in faith throughout this year.



Restore • Renew • Proclaim

the Hope that is Christ



The Diocese of Manchester is in the process of continuing to strengthen and renew faith formation in our parish, school and home school communities. Through this process we are being called anew to “Restore, Renew and Proclaim the Hope that is Christ.”

The goal is to make lifelong faith formation a priority and a reality throughout the diocese. This requires a few things:

- Making adult faith formation a priority in our parishes, which includes formation of catechists, parents and the entire adult community.
- Strengthening our youth ministry programs to include all teens of high school age.
- Reimagining our sacrament preparation processes to include a return to celebrating the sacraments of initiation in their **restored order**: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist.

What is Lifelong Faith Formation?

Lifelong faith formation is a process of growing in the faith that begins with baptism. Immersed in the life of the Trinity, we are adopted sons and daughters of God our Father, brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ and temples of the Holy Spirit. Like all human relationships, developing and deepening our relationship with the Trinity happens gradually and over time. Consequently, lifelong faith formation provides opportunities and experiences throughout the entire life span to strengthen our relationship and knowledge of God, Jesus and the Spirit; to enhance our understanding of Scripture, Tradition and doctrines of our faith; and to sustain us in living as disciples of Jesus Christ.

What does restored order of the Sacraments mean?

Restored order means returning the three sacraments of Christian initiation to the logical order in which they were designed to be celebrated: first Baptism, then Confirmation, then Eucharist. During the first five hundred years or so of the history of the Church, it was always the case that the sacraments of Christian initiation were celebrated in this sequence.

Why is the Diocese of Manchester changing the age of Confirmation?

By placing Confirmation at this age, the Diocese of Manchester will be following the natural sequence of the sacraments of Christian initiation. In addition, by placing Confirmation **prior to the reception of First Eucharist** it makes it easier to view the Eucharist as the summit of Christian initiation.

How is the celebration of Confirmation going to change in the Diocese of Manchester?

By 2021, the standard age of Confirmation is going to be third grade, and Confirmation will be celebrated at the same liturgy as First Communion. As a result, the preparation and reception of the sacraments of initiation throughout the Diocese of Manchester will be Baptism in infancy, Confirmation and Eucharist in third grade. Although not a sacrament of initiation, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be received in the second grade.

What are the benefits of restored order?

First, it will highlight that the Eucharist, not Confirmation, is the culmination of Christian initiation. Secondly, with the reception of grace of the Holy Spirit at a younger age, it will give children greater courage and guidance in facing the increasing difficulties of living a Christian life. Finally, it will allow for more opportunities for parents to take greater responsibility in their role as the primary educators of their children.



Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

September 20, 2020

A Message of Reform

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Alessandro Farnese was elected Pope Paul III in 1534 amidst very difficult times. Martin Luther had left the Church, and many German bishops, along with their kings, were separating from the faith. Part of the push for separation was financial, another part was political, and a third part was spiritual. The papal court and clerical life in Rome were often criticized, encouraging separation.

Pope Paul III started a reform by calling on nine respected cardinals to investigate the accusations and propose measures. The suggestions were received and true reform began to take root—although much of the success was due to the Council of Trent (called by

the pope in 1545) and the many saints active at the time: Ignatius, Philip Neri, Teresa of Ávila, Francis de Sales, Charles Borromeo, and others.

Another measure taken was to contract Michelangelo to paint two frescoes in the Papal Pauline Chapel—*The Conversion of Saul* and *The Crucifixion of St. Peter*—a kind of sixteenth-century marketing campaign. This chapel would send a message to all popes and the papal court; indeed, the frescoes challenged everyone in the Curia. Amidst the temptation to power and luxury, the pope was saying, “If you want power, it’s the power to serve that requires true conversion and embracing the cross.” The chapel needed a pithy Latin phrase to drive home this message of reform. It comes from today’s second reading: “To me, life is Christ, and death is gain.” That’s a good phrase to live by as we seek our own ongoing conversion. +

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 55:6-9

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways.

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

For to me life is Christ, and death
is gain.

Matthew 20:1-16a

[Jesus said,] “Thus, the last will be
first, and the first will be last.”

A Word from Pope Francis

Jesus wants to make us contemplate the gaze of that landowner: the gaze with which he looks upon each of the laborers searching for work and calls them to go to his vineyard....It is a gaze which calls, invites one to get up and begin a journey because he wants life for each of us.

Angelus, September 24, 2017



REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Do I love without strings attached or do I love to get something in return?
- What is holding me back from reforming my life?

God's Call Doesn't Wait

By Kathleen M. Basi



Occasions like New Year's, Ash Wednesday, and birthdays seem custom-made for adopting new life goals. It's neat and tidy to say, "As of January 1, I will no longer lose my temper with my children." "Beginning Ash Wednesday, I will stop using food to ward off boredom or anesthetize pain." But how often have you promised to change, only to find that within a few days or weeks you've reverted to your old ways?

Conversion doesn't happen according to a schedule, and God doesn't call us based on the calendar. He calls us when he has work for us or when we're tripping on our own weaknesses. In other words,

he calls every moment of every day. The question is, do we listen and respond?

When I find myself re-resolving the same things, I get frustrated. If my commitment is sincere, why doesn't it "take" the first time? Why do I have to keep starting over?

I once heard a homily that addressed this frustration. The priest urged us not to beat ourselves up when our attention wanders during Mass. We all come to the table filled with our own worries and concerns; it's human nature to be distracted. The important thing is to keep turning back.

This, he emphasized, is the true meaning of repentance. Every time we consciously shift our focus from our own anxieties back to God, it's a recommitment—a moment of renewal.

This is an encouraging thought. Bad habits are easier to come by than good ones, and replacing the former with the latter requires constant vigilance. The practice of turning and returning to God defines the Christian journey, separating the true disciple from the seed that's sown in shallow soil and withers in the sun (Matthew 13:1–9).

We all need daily reminders of how much we depend on God's saving grace. We all need to be smacked upside the head with awareness of how little we can accomplish on our own.

God calls us when our lives are in need of refocus, when our hearts are in need of repentance—and that call doesn't wait for some artificially imposed milestone on a calendar. It comes every day, as reliable as the sun rising in the east, as certain as the failure of our own resolve and our own strength. Can you hear that quiet voice within your heart speaking, asking you to make a change? Don't wait for some date on a calendar to tell you it's time to start anew.

"Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2). +

PRAYER

Lord, I am grateful for the gift of your compassion. Help me to be more generous in sharing your compassion with others.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS

September 21–26

Monday, St. Matthew:
Eph 4:1–7, 11–13 / Mt 9:9–13


Tuesday, Weekday:
Prv 21:1–6, 10–13 / Lk 8:19–21

Wednesday, St. Pius of Pietrelcina:
Prv 30:5–9 / Lk 9:1–6

Thursday, Weekday:
Eccl 1:2–11 / Lk 9:7–9

Friday, Weekday:
Eccl 3:1–11 / Lk 9:18–22

Saturday, Weekday:
Eccl 11:9–12:8 / Lk 9:43b–45

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