

MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

October 11, 2020

Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

4:00 PM

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

Found in Bulletin insert

Gathering: Gather Your People

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 145)

*Sing a joyful song to the Lord,
Alleluia; Let the heavens and earth
rejoice, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Preparation Hosea

Mass Parts Mass Of Creation

Communion Take My Hands
I Am The Bread Of Life

Recessional: We Are The Light Of The World

✠ 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 October 4, 2020

Offertory	\$8,727.80
Property Management	\$1,408.07



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

October 11	Fuel
October 18	World Mission Sunday
October 25	No Second Collection
November 1	Property Management
	All Saints
November 8	Catholic Campaign / Hum Dev

HOSPITAL VISITATION

If you or someone you know is in the hospital and wants to receive a visit, please contact the Parish Office at 603-382-8324. If you or someone you know faces a hospital admission, make sure they know to inform the hospital that they are Catholic and are members of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish. If a person cannot make this information known at the time of admission, a family member may be able to make that information known to the hospital staff.



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!

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 will conclude its Capital Campaign at the end of October. Thanks to your generosity, we re-roofed the entire Plaistow campus, and accomplished smaller projects such as rebuilding the cellar access for the Food Pantry, cleaned and re-piped the septic system at the Parish Center/School, and installed a new chimney pipe in the Parish Center.

When the spring weather returns, we will accomplish other major projects: we have signed an agreement with Petra Paving Inc to seal, remediate and restripe the parking lots on the Newton and Plaistow campuses. We are currently negotiating with a paint contractor for the Newton Church and Parish house and will begin the bidding process for electrical upgrades in both churches.

Thank you for your generous response to our
Parish Capital Campaign

Can you help?

Any contribution is welcome.

Make checks payable to

Saint Luke the Evangelist – Capital Campaign.



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.**



Saint Luke will sponsor a VIRTUAL Christmas Fair with an online Auction, online 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.

**The FAIR goes LIVE on
Saturday, October 10!**

**See the insert in the Bulletin today 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 catholictv.org

Sunday Mass from Notre Dame

catholictv.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 EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Wednesday, October 14

Holy Angels Church Plaistow open for
private prayer all day

Thursday, October 15

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

Saturday, October 17

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. Visit us on our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/pg/SVDPSL>

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.amazon.com. Be sure to choose:

St Luke the Evangelist Parish, Plaistow

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, October 10 ~ Vigil / 28th Sunday in Ord. Time

Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28 (Day)

Is 25:6-10a; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Louise Fusco by Pat Zakiewicz
Plaistow

Sunday, October 11 ~ 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10a; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14

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

10:00 AM Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus,
St. Jude Council # 6617
Plaistow

Monday, October 12 ~ Weekday

Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1; Lk 11:29-32

8:00 AM Helen Robinson (Month's Mind)
Newton

Tuesday, October 13 ~ Weekday

Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41

8:00 AM Paul Antkowiak (Month's Mind)
Plaistow

Wednesday, October 14 ~ Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46

6:30 PM The Graziano family
by Nancy and Stanley Graziano
Plaistow

Thursday, October 15 ~ Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Eph 1:1-10; Lk 11:47-54

8:00 AM Kevin Morgan by Bonnie Lajoie and family
Newton

Friday, October 16 ~ Hedwig, Religious;

Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

Eph 1:11-14; Lk 12:1-7
No Mass

Saturday, October 17 ~ Vigil / 29th Sunday in Ord. Time

Eph 1:15-23; Lk 12:8-12 (Day)

Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Daniel O'Leary and Mark Hammond
by the Hammond family
Plaistow

Sunday, October 18 ~ 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

8:00 AM People of the Parish
Newton

10:00 AM Jesselyn Driscoll by her family
Plaistow

PRAYER LINE

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

✠ FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION ✠

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.

FALL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Bishop Libasci invites couples celebrating 5, 25, and 50 year anniversaries to watch and unite their prayers with the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass via livestream on **Sunday, October 18 at 2:00 PM**. In addition to the worship aid and a special novena for marriage, couples will receive an invitation to a post-Mass virtual gathering where they will have an opportunity to speak with other couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries. To register, please go to <https://fallanniversary2020.eventbrite.com>.

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 and Thursday evenings, November 2 to 23 from 7:00 to 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 John and Toni Torio at 718-344-3700 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.



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

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

✠ Parish News ~ Around The Diocese ✠

25TH ANNUAL ST. JUDE OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Knights of Columbus were very fortunate this year to be able to hold their 25th Annual St. Jude Golf Open on Sunday, September 27. Again, this year's tournament was a sellout as 144 men and women golfers enjoyed great weather, 18 holes of golf, contests, giveaways, raffles, and BBQ'd steak tips. This year's Open was held to benefit a local family. Matt Lamothe has been out of work with no income to support his family due to a very large tumor on the back of his jaw. A team of five surgeons spent 22 hours removing as much of the tumor as possible. The surgery was a success, but Matt has a long journey ahead of him. Matt and his family are grateful for the outpouring of support and prayers.

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all of the generous sponsors and volunteers who made this event a success. Want to be part of an organization whose purpose is to serve the needs of others? Please consider joining us!

VOTE 2020

In a culture that is dominated by "partisan attacks, sound bites and media hype," the Church calls for "a different kind of political engagement (US Catholic Bishops, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, no. 14). Visit www.faithfulcitizenship.org to access resources on civil dialogue and on how our faith calls us to engage during election season and beyond.

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

BE INFORMED AND VOTE

We strongly urge all parishioners to register, to become informed on key issues, and to vote. The Church does not support or oppose any candidate, but seeks to focus attention on the moral and human dimensions of issues. We do NOT authorize the distribution of partisan political materials on parish property.

SVdP FLOWER FUNDRAISER

St. Vincent de Paul was unable to hold their annual Easter Lily fundraiser, so they've replaced it with "Flower Power!" Who doesn't like flowers? Please support this fundraiser and help those in need in our community. Our community is struggling even greater due to COVID 19. SVdP will receive 50% of the proceeds from this fundraiser and all of it will be used to assist those struggling to make ends meet. Please click on the following link or copy and paste it in your browser:

<http://SVDP.fpfundraising.com>

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

The St. Jude Council of the Knights of Columbus will be holding their Annual Memorial Mass for deceased Brother Knights on **Sunday, October 11 at the 10:00 AM Mass** in Plaistow. The Knights will be celebrating the lives of these Catholic men who willingly served our Parish and our local community with charity, unity, and fraternity. **Due to the pandemic, there will be NO reception following the Mass this year.**

TAI CHI RETURNS!

The Parish is once again offering Tai Chi classes 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.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of the Columbus Day holiday, the Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, October 12**. The office will reopen at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, October 13.

ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Enrollment continues to grow at St. Joseph Regional Catholic School. In fact, they are hoping to add an **additional first-grade classroom** to accommodate the interest! There are also limited spots in grades seven and eight. Contact Mrs. Latino for information at 893-6811, ext 19 or at clatino@sjrcs.com.

LYDIA'S HOUSE OF HOPE

Lydia's House of Hope is a 365-day transitional housing program located in Somersworth, NH for homeless women and their children experiencing crisis. We are a faith-based, Jesus-centered program, focused on transforming lives and creating self-sufficiency. Our goal is to equip our residents with life skills, career training, and a foundation for healthy relationships. We are currently looking for volunteers in the areas of childcare, leading family-oriented activities, and teaching practical skills to our residents. If you are at all interested, please contact Sarah Howard, Program Coordinator at SHoward@seedsoffaihtnh.org or call 603-692-3100. Thank you so much for your prayers and support.

Saint Luke the Evangelist



**Congratulations and our prayers
to our newly-Confirmed and first
Communicants!!**

**Jillian Coles
Elizabeth Mercier
Kasey Fitzgerald
Aubrey Fitzgerald
John Fitzgerald
Logan Spera**

"May God's Spirit dwell within you"



CONFIRMATION AND EUCHARIST

What is “the Restored Order”?

An increasing number of dioceses in the United States are adopting a restored order policy for the celebration of the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. This means, quite simply, that it becomes standard policy for Catholics who were baptized in infancy to receive Confirmation *before* First Communion, not *after*. Practically speaking, this means that the two sacraments are received at the First Communion Mass, with Confirmation being celebrated after the homily.



Why is it referred to as “the Restored Order”?

During the first 500 years or so of the history of the Roman Catholic Church (and still today in the Christian churches of the East), it was always the case that the sacraments of Christian initiation were celebrated in an invariable sequence: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. And it was almost always the case that all three sacraments were celebrated together at the same time, even with infants. Following the lead of official documents that were issued by the Church after the Second Vatican Council, more and more dioceses are restoring this original order to the celebration of the sacraments of Christian initiation.

Isn't Confirmation a sacrament of maturity that should come after First Communion as a child grows older?

Not really. Confirmation is actually the completion of Baptism (by the full gift of the Holy Spirit). To celebrate Confirmation requires nothing more by way of age-appropriate maturity than to receive the Eucharist. Remember, there is a legitimate, parallel practice in Eastern churches of fully initiating even infants with all three sacraments. The maturity that is required for receiving any of the sacraments of Christian initiation is only what is age-appropriate. The Church expects interior dispositions of readiness, such as understanding freedom, that are realistic at any given age, nothing more.

When we are used to a different practice after more than a thousand years, why is the Church now going back to the original sequence?

Restored order is more than just a fascination with the way it used to be. In fact, there are some very significant theological and liturgical reasons for restoring the integrity of the three sacraments of Christian initiation—all celebrated in proper order, even at the same time. The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) requires that children and adults in the catechumenate receive all three sacraments together, even if the children are younger than the age at which the Catholic children of the parish are routinely confirmed. Putting the celebration of Confirmation between Baptism and Eucharist better expresses its role as the completion of Baptism. As a matter of fact, the sacrament that is the culmination of a person's Christian initiation is the Eucharist, not Confirmation. Theologically, it is the gift of the Holy Spirit given in all its fullness at Confirmation that best prepares one to receive Eucharist, and thus to be most fully joined to the Body of Christ.

Is it wrong, then, to be confirmed after receiving Eucharist?

Of course not. The Church has many ways of celebrating the mysteries of God's love in the sacraments. But because Rome so strongly encourages restoring the order of celebrating the sacraments of Christian initiation, don't be surprised if more and more communities restore the original sequence of the three sacraments of Christian initiation.



Knights of Columbus

St Jude Council #6617 Memorial Mass

REMEMBERING AND HONORING OUR BROTHER
KNIGHTS OF THE ST. JUDE COUNCIL #6617 WHO HAVE
RETURNED HOME TO OUR SAVIOR.

Warren Ames
Edmund Barry
Fred Bishop
Robert Blanchette
Mark Bloom
Richard Brindle
Edmund Caillouette
John Caiazza
Ronald Castonguay
Robert Chrisemer
Francis Clark
Dave Coddling
Rolf Comeau
James Conley
John Connors Sr
Alfred Conte
Michael Cook
Ray Cooper
Roger Couture
Mike Daley
Arthur Decareau
Joseph DeRosa
Robert DiBella
Edward DiCarlo
Martin Dowd
Vincent Early

George Filteau
Fitzpatrick
John Gaff
Andy Gagnon Sr
Joseph Gesmundo
Robert Giallongo
Bernie Gosselin
Herman Green
Rev Michael Griffin
Chuck Griggs
Ronald Guyett
Lewis Hadley
Ralph Helms
Theodore Hess
Fr. Sam Hewitt
Joe Holland
Paul Hughes
Roy Lajoie
John Ioia
Curtis Jacques
John Kavanough
Royal Knowles
Joseph Krafton
Richard Lapierre
Ray Lussier
Richard Maloof

Norm Matineau
Albert Morin
Jack McNally
Jack Meli
Patrick Morris
Msgr Eugene Murphy
Robert Murphy
Ernie Picken
Louis Qunital
Elmer Ratta
Al Ravgiala
Robert Rivard
Rudolph Rogers
Joseph Roldan
John Scotti
Ed Smith
Paul Stefanski
Ted Stopyra
Paul Vaillancourt
Bill Ward
Harold Widman
Joseph Thompson
Robert Yanacek
George Young
Fred Gabriel



Knights of Columbus

St Jude Council #6617

The Knights of Columbus, St Jude Council #6617 of St Luke Parish, would like to invite the men of our parish to faithfully consider joining our ministry. Our mission is to serve and to attend to the needs of others through the sharing of our:

FAITH, TIME, TALENTS and TREASURE.



Joining is simple – talk to a brother Knight, contact Dan Sullivan at 603-770- 4803, email him at dans49@comcast.net or you can now join on-line - www.kofc.org/joinus

Every believer has received grace gifts, so use them to serve one another as faithful stewards of the many-colored tapestry of God's grace.

Peter 4:10

!!! OUR AUCTION IS LIVE !!!

How to Access Our Auction on Bidding Owl

1. Go to www.biddingowl.com/StLukesChristmasFair. You will be brought directly to our auction Home Page. From here, you can Log In or Register by clicking the links in the upper right corner of the screen, or you can peruse the auction items by clicking the green button "View Items" button on the left side of the screen .
2. Simply start looking at the auction items; when you find an item you would like to bid on, simply click the green "Bid!" button.
3. If you already have an account, you will be asked to Login. If you don't yet have an account, click where it says "Not a bidder yet? Sign up".
4. Fill out the "Bidder Sign Up" form
5. Then, check off the boxes indicating that you ...
 - A. Are not a robot
 - B. Agree with the terms & conditions
(it is always recommended that one read the terms and conditions)
6. Click the green "Sign Up" button. You will be brought to a new screen that asks you to "Check your email to activate your account".
 - A. Go to your email
 - B. Open the email BiddingOwl sent you
 - C. Read the email then, click the blue "click here" link that is 3 lines down in the email. This will activate your account and you will be brought back to BiddingOwl's Log In screen automatically.
7. "Log In" using the email address and password you signed up with; you should be brought back to the item you wanted to bid on. If you're not, then you can simply go back to it on your own. Bids are placed in increments of \$5.
8. If you would like to be notified when/if you are outbid on an item; go to "My Account", click "Account Details", scroll to the bottom and make sure to put a check in the boxes for "Receive Email Notification When Out-Bid" and "Receive Text Message When Out-Bid".
9. You can purchase Raffle Tickets on BiddingOwl by clicking on the green "View Items" button on our auction Home Page, scrolling to the bottom and clicking where it says "Fund-a-Need". Here you can purchase as many raffle tickets as you want. We will be notified and fill out the tickets on our end.
10. If you need help, email Julie Lamere at stlukenhfair@gmail.com and leave her your phone number so she can give you a call and try to help you over the phone.

WEEKLY VIRTUAL FAIR UPDATE

**Wine Raffle—62 bottles and counting
Victorian Doll House
Handmade Quilt & pillows**

**Raffles are active right now!
Pick up a GREEN sheet
and BUY BUY BUY!**

Here are 3 ways you can ensure the success of our Fair

1. Sell Raffle Tickets: You will find green “Raffle Order Forms” at the entrance of the church. Please take these and offer the opportunity to win to all your friends and family. Please fill out the form as well as quantities indicated for each desired raffle. Once selections have been made, add up how much is owed, and then have checks made payable to: St. Luke Parish. (All pricing information is on the reverse side of the form.) Pop the forms and checks in an envelope marked RAFFLES and drop them in the collection baskets - OR mail to: **St. Luke Parish, Attn: RAFFLES, 8 Atkinson Depot Rd. Plaistow, NH 03865**
2. Share, Share, Share!!! Use the red “flyers” that are in the Bulletin and on the back tables and put them on windshields of cars in parking lots when you shop at various places. (SORRY, we forgot to put them out last week...They are there now.) The more people we get interested in our auction, the more money our auction will bring in from **outside our Parish**.
3. NH State or Massachusetts State Lottery Tickets for our giant “Rake In The Cash” auction item are still needed. These can be put in the mail or the collection baskets until Sunday, October 25.

Have you ever received an email from stlukenhfair@gmail.com? If yes, GREAT! No? Do you want to? If yes, please email us at stlukenhfair@gmail.com and let us know. We want to be sure to include anyone who wants to hear from us.

This week be on the lookout for an email from us about the Fair that you can forward directly to your local friends and family. Thank you for your support of our Saint Luke Virtual Christmas Fair

abortion

WHAT EVERY CATHOLIC SHOULD KNOW

"God's love does not differentiate between the newly conceived infant still in his or her mother's womb and the child or young person, or the adult and the elderly person." ~ Pope Benedict XVI¹

Catholic teaching on abortion is rooted in the recognition that the dignity of the human person begins at conception and flows through life until we face the end of our earthly journey. Respect for human life includes responding in charity to all those suffering a loss after an abortion.

Unwavering Stance

From its earliest days, the Church understood each person's inherent dignity. A document commonly referred to as *The Didache*, or "The Teaching" [of the Twelve Apostles], dated between the first and second century, states "You shall not kill the embryo by abortion and shall not cause the newborn to perish." Other early Church figures, including St. Ambrose and St. Augustine (4th and 5th centuries, respectively), attest to the dignity of human life in the womb. More recently, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* summarizes, "From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person - among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life" (no. 2270). The Church continues Her affirmation of life in all that she does: by Her efforts to educate, care for the poor, the sick, and outreach to the marginalized. This consistent care for humanity lies at the heart of the Catholic Christian faith. It is with this longstanding commitment to life in mind that we are all called to strive for "... a society capable of recognizing the dignity of every person" regardless of one's stage of life (Pope Francis to the United Nations, October 20, 2016).

No Small Matter

The Guttmacher Institute reports that, "Twenty-one percent of all pregnancies (excluding miscarriages) in 2011 ended in abortion..." equating to approximately 1,060,000 abortions.

In comparison, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention list the leading causes of death in 2011 as heart disease (596,577) and cancer (576,691). This means that if fetal death by induced abortion was included in the CDC's data from 2011, **abortion represents about 30% of all deaths in the US in 2011** while heart disease and cancer account for 16.6% and 16.1%, respectively.

Every human being is inestimably valuable. As privileged creatures of God, He has created us in His very "image and likeness" (Gn 1:26), unlike any other beings in existence. Furthermore, the incarnation, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave Himself "once for all" (Heb 10:10), affirms human dignity. There has never been, and never will be, a human person for whom Christ did not offer Himself. God's unfathomable sacrifice, God who "so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (Jn 3:16), shows us just how much we are worth. Our dignity, then, is not about what we can or cannot do. Rather, our dignity is about what God has already done; it flows from our unique relationship with Him; it flows from the sacrifice He made for us on the Cross. This is the heart of human dignity: that God the Father has loved each and every one of us into existence.

¹ Pope Benedict XVI, *Address to the Participants at the 12th General Assembly of the Pontifical Academy for Life and Congress on "The Human Embryo in the Pre-Implantation Phase"* (February 27, 2006)

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RESPONDING WITH PRAYER AND MERCY

Reconciliation and Healing

"I wish to restate as firmly as I can that abortion is a grave sin, since it puts an end to an innocent life. In the same way, however, I can and must state that there is no sin that God's mercy cannot reach and wipe away when it finds a repentant heart seeking to be reconciled with the Father."

- Pope Francis, At the Conclusion of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, November 20, 2016

As we seek to respond in charity to the presence of legal abortion in our society, we should remember that God is constantly calling everyone back to Himself – all the faithful are invited to a renewed relationship with Jesus Christ. If we recognize that God calls everyone to amend their ways, it may help us to walk forward with our brothers and sisters whose lives have been touched by abortion, to seek healing *with* them, glad together in the fact that God and all of heaven rejoice at the return of a beloved son or daughter (cf. Lk 15:7).

Recognizing that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom 3:23), the Church calls all of its members to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, asking that we approach the confessional at least once a year to confess serious sins (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* no.1457). Pope Francis, himself, receives the Sacrament of Reconciliation every two weeks! Rather than a punishment, Reconciliation is referred to as a "celebration." It is through this great Sacrament of healing that we are brought back into full communion with God and our brothers and sisters in the Church, and in a very real way, healing between God and any single member of the faithful will effect real positive change in the lives of others.

Where to Turn for Healing & Support:

If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential non-judgmental help is available. Call Project Rachel's national toll-free number: 888-456-HOPE (-4673) or visit HopeAfterAbortion.org.

Finally, we must respond with additional prayer. All efforts must be steeped in prayer, interceding on the behalf of those affected by abortion and for an end to the "culture of death" that regards "a life which would require greater acceptance, love and care [as] useless, or held to be an intolerable burden, and is therefore rejected in one way or another" (Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*, 12).

Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Virgin of Guadalupe,
Patroness of unborn children,
we implore your intercession
for every child at risk of abortion.
Help expectant parents to welcome from God
the priceless gift of their child's life.

Console parents who have lost that gift
through abortion,
and lead them to forgiveness and healing
through the Divine Mercy of your Son.

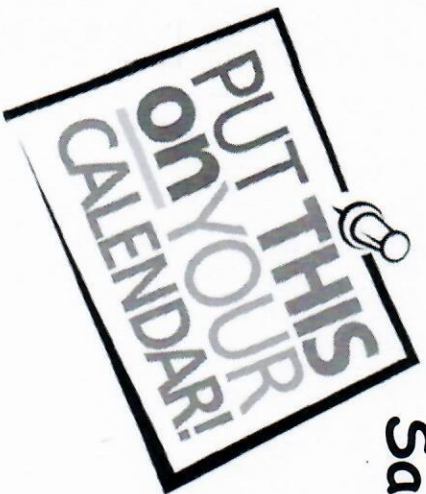
Teach us to cherish
and to care for family and friends
until God calls them home.
Help us never to see others as burdens.

Guide our public officials
to defend each and every human life
through just laws.
Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life,
to speak for those who have no voice.

We ask this in the name of your Son,
Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself.
Amen.

To learn more about
Catholic teaching on abortion visit:

www.catholicnh.org/abortion



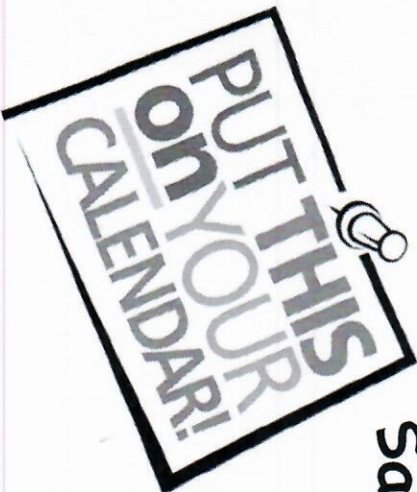
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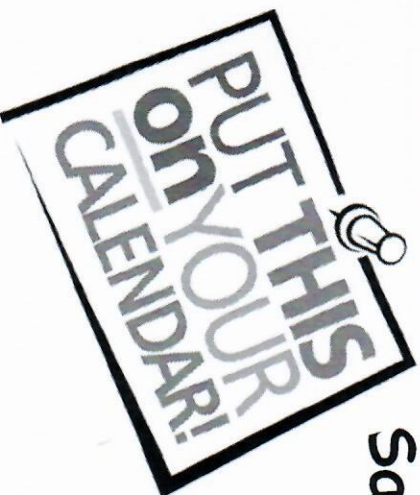
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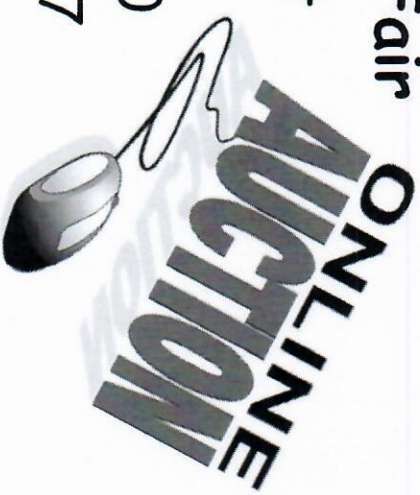
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The Gospel at Home

This Sunday's Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

The Gospel proclaims another of Jesus' parables—the story of the wedding feast. A king sent his servants out to invite people to his son's wedding. He really wanted to share his great joy. The king was surprised and hurt when many refused his invitation. After his further invitations met with disaster, the king dispatched his servants to go into the streets and get enough guests to fill the hall. Even then, somebody showed up without a wedding garment. God invites many to the great feast between Jesus and humankind, but even then it is possible to refuse the invitation.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): Your child understands that everybody loves parties. In class, the party theme was used to introduce the children to the notion of the Sunday Eucharist as Christians gathering at Jesus' party. You can reinforce this understanding by helping your child feel comfortable and welcome in church. Feeling at home in church helps young children also experience the sense of belonging that is so much a part of the Sunday Mass experience.

Promise (Grades K-1): Talk together about Jesus' invitation to see God's kingdom as a wonderful celebration—one with room for everyone. Talk with your child about what happens at the Sunday Eucharist—people gathering, music, learning, conversation, and receiving Communion. Is there anyone in your family's life who could be invited to church? Consider inviting that person to Mass.

Good News (Grades 2-3): Your child learned how important the Third Commandment is. Keeping holy the Lord's Day is vital for those who are invited to Jesus' great feast. Have a good conversation about the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the Third Commandment. Ask your child to tell you how we make Sunday a holy day.

Venture (Grades 4-6): This week's lesson began with a discussion of hunger and a story about some young people who are doing something about hunger. Talk about the experience of hunger and why Jesus might have used the story of a feast to tell about God's kingdom. You might also want to have a conversation about your family's experience of Sunday Mass and how you can better participate in this sacred banquet.

Visions (Grades 7-9): Your youngster's class explored the importance of food both as nourishment for the body and as nourishment for the community. The Gospel shows the value Jesus put on the wedding banquet and the king's invitation for all to come. In this spirit, the class also learned that not everyone has access to the food he or she needs to survive. Ask your son or daughter to share what the class learned about hunger and about the Catholic view of economic life and how to set a table with plenty of food for all. Have your young person define Christian Hospitality in his or her own words.

Pray Together

At a family meal, ask each member of the family to pray in his or her own words that, just as Jesus invites everyone to the banquet, people can work together to feed a hungry world.





The Society of St. Vincent DePaul, at St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, invites you to join our Prayer Shawl Ministry! Even if you are unable to attend meetings, your talents are more than welcome.

Shawls can be made with yarn, quilt fabric, or fleece. They are filled with prayer, care and love. They will be given to anyone in need of comfort or solace.

If you are interested in prayerful camaraderie or just want to contribute your talent, consider joining our committee.

If you know of someone that is in need of comfort and would like to receive a gift from our group, please call to make the request.

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Meeting Schedule:

- First Thursday of each month, except July and August.
- 10 A.M. – 12 Noon
- Parish office building (dining room)
- Material can be supplied

We are honored to provide this service to anyone in need.



Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

October 11, 2020

We're the Supporting Cast

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Life can make us think we are in control of our lives. We plan, think, execute, and succeed (or fail). Then along comes an illness, an accident, a job loss, or one of countless other things, and we realize we really aren't in control of much. This famous phrase sums it up: Man proposes, God disposes.

We can transfer this same false assumption into our relationship with God and expect Mass, prayer, and liturgy to work for us, fill us, and entertain us. But liturgy and prayer are about giving God his glory above all else.

When we pray, and especially when we enter into communal liturgy, we are reminded once again that it is all about what God is doing. Isaiah says the Lord will provide for all people. God will provide! We might prepare, serve, or participate, but the director, producer, and main actor is God. We are the supporting cast. That is why liturgy is not so much about our planning, participation, or entertainment but about entering into harmony with God's action and praising him as he asks.

The same point can be found in the Gospel. The king sends out invitations for his son's wedding and prepares the feast. He adjusts to the unexpected lack of interest and invites others. The ones who arrive are the ones the master has invited.

It would be foolish for one of the invited guests to vaunt their importance. Their role is to humbly enjoy and gracefully help the king and the newlyweds to shine on their night! +

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A Word from Pope Francis

Do good works, don't just say words that are gone with the wind....Through the good works that we carry out with love and joy toward others, our faith emerges and bears fruit.... Is our faith fruitful? Does our faith produce good works? Or is it sterile...and therefore more dead than alive?

—Angelus, July 10, 2016



Sunday Readings

Isaiah 25:6–10a

The LORD of hosts / will provide for all peoples / A feast of rich food and choice wines.

Philippians 4:12–14, 19–20

I have the strength for everything through him who empowers me.... My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 22:1–14 or 22:1–10

[Jesus said,] "Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find."

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- Is Mass about my pleasure or God's glory?
- How often do I serve and expect nothing in return?

Shaped by the Cross

By Johan van Parys

Every night before going to bed, my parents would make the sign of the cross on each child's forehead and whisper, "May God bless you and keep you." Then we would go to our bedrooms, dip our fingers in the small holy water font, and sign ourselves. I remember asking my parents for their blessing before going on a trip or asking the abbot for his blessing before leaving the abbey. These simple signs have left a lasting impression on me.

The cross was everywhere when I was growing up; even today, we find the cross hanging in churches, schools, homes, offices, and cars and around our necks. The priest blesses people with the sign of the cross. Children are marked at their baptism and adults during the Order of Catechumens with the sign of the cross. Christians are shaped by the cross.

In the late 1950s and early 1960s, Christiane Brusselmans, the first woman to earn a doctorate in theology from the Catholic University of Louvain, experimented with an ancient process used to bring adults and families into the Church. Following the Second Vatican Council, her work and that of many others resulted in reinstitution of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)—rites lost during the early Middle Ages due to the shift from adult to infant baptism.

One remarkable rite that marks this process is the Rite of Welcome, in which we admit those seeking baptism



in the Catholic Church to the Order of Catechumens. The most moving moment is when the sign of the cross is drawn on the seekers' heart, hands, feet, and shoulders. I remember her instructing us to use big gestures to ensure recipients felt the weight of the cross, especially on their shoulders. The weight of the cross can indeed be heavy.

Our lives as Christians ought to be modeled after the cross. Each year, tens of thousands of people prepare themselves to join the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. They stand in a long tradition rooted in New Testament times. Those who have been baptized in other Christian denominations celebrate the sacraments of confirmation and Eucharist. Those not previously

baptized celebrate all three sacraments of initiation: baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist.

The sacrament of baptism relates images of baptismal bath, baptismal burial, and baptismal birth. First, we are washed clean from everything that prevents perfect union with God, who claims us as an adopted child. Second, we are buried with Christ so we may rise with him on the last day. Third, we are birthed into the Church—the body of Christ. Because of this rich sacramental symbolism, baptismal fonts are sometimes made in the shape of a cross. Catechumens enter on one side to be baptized and exit on the other side.

We should always remember the importance of the cross in our Christian journey. Without explanation, my parents impressed this on me each time they signed me with the cross. +



Lord, I am grateful you guide us along safe paths. Help me to remain close to you and walk with you all the days of my life.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS

October 12–17

Monday, Weekday:

Gal 4:22–24, 26–27, 31–5:1 /
Lk 11:29–32

Tuesday, Weekday:

Gal 5:1–6 / Lk 11:37–41

Wednesday, Weekday:

Gal 5:18–25 / Lk 11:42–46

Thursday, St. Teresa of Jesus:

Eph 1:1–10 / Lk 11:47–54

Friday, Weekday:

Eph 1:11–14 / Lk 12:1–7

Saturday, St. Ignatius of Antioch:

Eph 1:15–23 / Lk 12:8–12

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