



## MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

October 25, 2020

Thirtieth Sunday In  
Ordinary Time

4:00 PM

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

Found in Bulletin insert

Gathering: Gather Us In

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 145)

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

Preparation You Have Called Us

Mass Parts Mass Of Creation

Communion Bread For The World  
I Received The Living God

Recessional: How Can I Keep From Singing

## ✠ 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!

### October 11, 2020

Offertory	\$5,598.21
Fuel	\$1,299.65

### October 18, 2020

Offertory	\$6,001.61
World Missions	\$1,012.00

## 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.



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 25	No Second Collection
November 1	Property Management
	All Saints



Out of respect for the Lord and 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](http://BiddingOwl.com) 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 through Saturday, November 7**

**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](http://catholictv.org)

Sunday Mass from Notre Dame

[catholictv.org/masses/notre-dame-mass](http://catholictv.org/masses/notre-dame-mass)

Salt & Light TV

[saltandlighttv.org](http://saltandlighttv.org)

Eternal Word Television

[ewtn.com](http://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.

## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### ✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

#### Wednesday, October 28

Holy Angels Church Plaistow open for  
private prayer all day

#### Thursday, October 29

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

#### Saturday, October 31

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.



### DON'T FORGET....

**Turn your clocks back one  
hour before going to bed on  
Saturday, October 31!**



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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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

**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](http://www.amazon.com). Be sure to choose:

**St Luke the Evangelist Parish, Plaistow**

### ✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

#### Saturday, October 24 ~ Vigil / 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time

*Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9 (Day)*

*Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40 (Vigil)*

4:00 PM Kevin Gallant (Birthday Remembrance)  
by Patricia Gallant  
**Plaistow**

#### Sunday, October 25 ~ 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40*

8:00 AM Carol Radford by her family  
**Newton**

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

#### Monday, October 26 ~ Weekday

*Eph 4:32—5:8; Lk 13:10-17*

8:00 AM Karen Murphy (Month's Mind)  
**Newton**

#### Tuesday, October 27 ~ Weekday

*Eph 5:21-33; Lk 13:18-21*

8:00 AM Helen M. Nichols by Jackie Tremblay  
**Plaistow**

#### Wednesday, October 28 ~ Simon and Jude, Apostles

*Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16*

6:30 PM For Michael and his recovery  
**Plaistow**

#### Thursday, October 29 ~ Weekday

*Eph 6:10-20; Lk 13:31-25*

8:00 AM Sr. Elizabeth Anne Lee, osf  
by Lisa and Charlie Angwin  
**Newton**

#### Friday, October 30 ~ Weekday

*Phil 1:1-11; Lk 14:1-6*

**No Mass**

#### Saturday, October 31 ~ Vigil / All Saints

*Phil 1:18b-26; Lk 14:1, 7-11 (Day)*

*Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a (Vigil)*

4:00 PM Jay Knowles by Alice and Bob Litwinovich  
**Plaistow**

#### Sunday, November 1 ~ All Saints

*Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a*

8:00 AM People of the Parish  
**Newton**

10:00 AM Robert J. Chresemer  
by the Knights of Columbus  
**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](mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net).



## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### ✠ FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION ✠

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PARENTS

On **November 1, after the 10:00 AM Mass**, the next "Gospel Weeklies" will be available downstairs in the church hall. There is a folder labeled for each family. Put in the folder the pamphlets that your children worked on from September 20 through October 25. Take out the packet of pamphlets that are for November 15 through January 10, and leave the folder on the table. The weeks for November 1 and November 8 will be turned in at a later time.

#### 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.



#### VIRTUAL VOCATION DINNERS

The Lord is continuing to call! We would like to invite men and women in our Diocese who are considering a vocation in the Church or would simply like some help hearing the Lord's call for their life, to a virtual evening of prayer and conversation with the Vocations Team of the Diocese of Manchester. Virtual St. Andrew Dinner with **men of all ages** will take place on **Friday, November 13 at 7:00 PM**. Virtual Miriam Dinner with **women of all ages** will take place on **Friday, November 20 at 7:00 PM**. For more information and to register, visit [www.liveinblackandwhite.com](http://www.liveinblackandwhite.com).



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St. Luke the Evangelist is now on Facebook! Go to [www.facebook.com/stlukenh.org/](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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	<a href="mailto:fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net">fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net</a>
Cathy Smith	<a href="mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net">csmith@stluketheevangelist.net</a>
Joyce Szczapa	<a href="mailto:jszczapa@stluketheevangelist.net">jszczapa@stluketheevangelist.net</a>
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Thomas Kondel	<a href="mailto:tkondel@stluketheevangelist.net">tkondel@stluketheevangelist.net</a>
Val Barczak	<a href="mailto:mvmbarczak@comcast.net">mvmbarczak@comcast.net</a>
Parish Council	<a href="mailto:parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net">parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net</a>

✠ Parish News ~ Around The Diocese ✠



25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
ST. JUDE OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Knights of Columbus were very fortunate this year to be able to hold their 25<sup>th</sup> 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!

The Sanctuary Candle in  
Holy Angels Church  
will burn this week  
in loving memory of  
**John B. Knowles, Jr.**  
by his mother



VOLUNTEER JOB

We are looking for a volunteer or two at each of the churches to sort out the 2020 missalettes. The task involves separating the old missalettes from their covers, packing up the old missalettes for disposal, and packing the covers and music insert cards for storage. Contact Father Albert for more information.

VOTE 2020

In their statement of *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the U.S. Catholic bishops remind Catholics, "We are called to bring together our principles and our political choices, our values, and our votes, to help build a better world" (no. 14).

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](http://www.catholicnh.org/community/public-issues/voting)

Visit

Visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) for more information about making prudent decisions in the political process.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH TO HOST ONLINE  
BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Catholic Charities NH is hosting a new online innovative support group for parishioners across the Diocese who are dealing with grief and loss. "Bereavement – Experiencing Loss, Being Lost, and Finding Your Way Again" is a (free) six-session program allowing participants to learn about the dynamics of grief, discover new ways to cope while healing, and gain the opportunity to be supported and support others also sharing a painful journey. **Sessions will be held every Wednesday at 1:00 PM, starting October 28 and running through December 2.** To register, visit [www.cc-nh.org/bereavement](http://www.cc-nh.org/bereavement). You may also call 603-752-1325 or email [efrenette@nh-cc.org](mailto:efrenette@nh-cc.org).

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.

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.



THE BOOK OF THE  
NAMES OF THE DEAD

Throughout November, a special *Book of the Names of the Dead* will be open near the Baptismal Font & Paschal Candle for parishioners to record the names of the faithful departed. It is a visible sign that the faithful departed remain with us as part of the Church. You are welcome to record names of loved ones and the dates of their death.

# Saint Luke the Evangelist



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

**Cameron Lajoie  
Blake Lajoie  
Nicholas Rimas  
Tristan Fielding  
Luken DiMarco  
Kevin Lawit**

**"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.



# !!! OUR AUCTION IS LIVE !!!

## How to Access Our Auction on Bidding Owl

1. Go to [www.biddingowl.com/StLukesChristmasFair](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:stlukenhfair@gmail.com)? If yes, GREAT! No? Do you want to? If yes, please email us at [stlukenhfair@gmail.com](mailto: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**



# The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship



## Part I of II: Our Call as Catholic Citizens

This brief document is Part I of a summary of the US bishops' reflection, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, which complements the teaching of bishops in dioceses and states.

*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* is the teaching document of the Catholic Bishops of the United States on the political responsibility of Catholics. It provides guidance for all who seek to exercise their rights and duties as citizens. As Catholics, we bring the richness of our faith to the public square. We draw from both faith and reason as we seek to affirm the dignity of the human person and the common good of all.

Everyone living in this country is called to participate in public life and contribute to the common good.<sup>1</sup> In *Rejoice and Be Glad* [*Gaudete et exsultate*], Pope Francis writes:

Your identification with Christ and his will involves a commitment to build with him that kingdom of love, justice and universal peace. . . . You cannot grow in holiness without committing yourself, body and soul, to giving your best to this endeavor.<sup>2</sup>

As Catholics, we are part of a community with profound teachings that help us consider challenges in public life, contribute to greater justice and peace for all people, and evaluate policy positions, party platforms, and candidates' promises and actions in light of the Gospel in order to help build a better world.

### Why Does the Church Teach About Issues Affecting Public Policy?

The Church's obligation to participate in shaping the moral character of society is a requirement of our faith, a part of the mission given to us by Jesus Christ. As people of both faith and reason, Catholics are called to bring truth to political life and to practice Christ's commandment to "love one another" (Jn 13:34).

The US Constitution protects the right of individual believers and religious bodies to proclaim and live out their faith without government interference, favoritism, or discrimination. Civil law should recognize and protect the Church's right and responsibility to participate in society without abandoning its moral convictions. Our nation's tradition of pluralism is enhanced, not threatened, when religious groups and people of faith bring their convictions into public life. The Catholic community brings to political dialogue a consistent moral framework and broad experience serving those in need.

### Who in the Church Should Participate in Political Life?

In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation. As Catholics, we should be guided more by our moral convictions than by our attachment to any political party or interest group. In today's environment, Catholics may feel politically disenfranchised, sensing that no party and few candidates fully share our comprehensive commitment to human life and dignity. This should not discourage us. On the contrary, it makes our obligation to act all the more urgent. Catholic lay women and men need to act on the Church's moral principles and

become more involved: running for office, working within political parties, and communicating concerns to elected officials. Even those who cannot vote should raise their voices on matters that affect their lives and the common good. Faithful citizenship is an ongoing responsibility, not just an election year duty.

### How Can Catholic Social Teaching Help Guide Our Participation?

In the words of Pope Francis, "progress in building a people in peace, justice and fraternity depends on four principles related to constant tensions present in every social reality. These derive from the pillars of the Church's social doctrine, which serve as 'primary and fundamental parameters of reference for interpreting and evaluating social phenomena.'"<sup>3</sup> The four principles include the dignity of the human person, the common good, subsidiarity, and solidarity. Taken together, these principles provide a moral framework for Catholic engagement in advancing what we have called a "consistent ethic of life" (*Living the Gospel of Life*, no. 22).

Rightly understood, this ethic does not treat all issues as morally equivalent; nor does it reduce Catholic teaching to one or two issues. It anchors the Catholic commitment to defend human life and other human rights, from conception until natural death, in the fundamental obligation to respect the dignity of every human being as a child of God.

Catholic voters should use Catholic teaching to examine candidates' positions on issues and should consider candidates' integrity, philosophy, and performance. It is important for all citizens "to see beyond party politics, to analyze campaign rhetoric critically, and to choose their political leaders according to principle, not party affiliation or mere self-interest" (USCCB, *Living the Gospel of Life*, no. 33). The following summary of the four principles highlights several themes of Catholic social teaching for special consideration: these include **human rights and responsibilities, respect for work and the rights of workers, care for God's creation, and the preferential option for the poor and vulnerable.**<sup>4</sup>

### The Dignity of the Human Person

Human life is sacred because every person is created in the image and likeness of God. There is a rich and multifaceted Catholic teaching on human dignity summarized in the *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*. Every human being "must always be understood in his unrepeatable and inviolable uniqueness. . . . This entails above all the requirement not only of simple respect on the part of others, especially political and social institutions and their leaders with regard to every man and woman on the earth, but even more, this means that the primary commitment of each person towards others, and particularly of these same institutions, must be for the promotion and integral development of the person" (no. 131). The *Compendium* continues, "It is necessary to 'consider every neighbor without exception as another self, taking into account first of all his life and the means necessary for living it with dignity' (*Gaudium et Spes*, no. 27).



Every political, economic, social, scientific and cultural program must be inspired by the awareness of the primacy of each human being over society.”<sup>5</sup>

## Subsidiarity

It is impossible to promote the dignity of the person without showing concern for the family, groups, associations, and local realities—in short, for those economic, social, cultural, recreational, professional, and political communities to which people spontaneously give life and which make it possible for them to achieve effective social growth.<sup>6</sup> The family, based on marriage between a man and a woman, is the fundamental unit of society. This sanctuary for the creation and nurturing of children must not be redefined, undermined, or neglected. Supporting families should be a priority for economic and social policies. How our society is organized—in economics and politics, in law and public policy—affects the well-being of individuals and of society. Every person and association has a right and a duty to participate in shaping society to promote the well-being of individuals and the common good.

The principle of subsidiarity reminds us that larger institutions in society should not overwhelm or interfere with smaller or local institutions; yet larger institutions have essential responsibilities when the more local institutions cannot adequately protect human dignity, meet human needs, and advance the common good.<sup>7</sup>

## The Common Good

The common good is comprised of “the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfillment more fully and more easily.”<sup>8</sup>

Human dignity is respected and the common good is fostered only if **human rights are protected and basic responsibilities are met**. Every human being has a right to life, a right to religious freedom, and a right to have access to those things required for human decency—food and shelter, education and employment, health care and housing. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities—to ourselves, to our families, and to the larger society.

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. An economic system must serve the dignity of the human person and the common good by **respecting the dignity of work and protecting the rights of workers**. Economic justice calls for decent work at fair, living wages, a broad and fair legalization program with a path to citizenship for immigrant workers, and the opportunity for all people to work together for the common good through their work, ownership, enterprise, investment, participation in unions, and other forms of economic activity. Workers also have responsibilities—to provide a fair day’s work for a fair day’s pay, to treat employers and coworkers with respect, and to carry out their work in ways that contribute to the common good. Workers, employers, and unions should not only advance their own interests but also work together to advance economic justice and the well-being of all.

We have a duty to **care for God’s creation**, which Pope Francis refers to in *Laudato Si’* as “our common home.”<sup>9</sup> We all are called to be careful stewards of God’s creation and to ensure a safe and hospitable environment for vulnerable human beings now and in the future. Pope Francis, consistent with St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI (World Day of Peace Message, 1990 and 2010), has lifted up pollution, climate change, lack of access to clean water, and the loss of biodiversity as particular challenges. Pope Francis speaks of an “ecological debt” (no. 51) owed by wealthier nations to developing nations. And he calls all of us to an “ecological conversion” (no. 219), by which “the effects of [our] encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in [our] relationship with the world around [us]”.<sup>10</sup> Indeed, this concern with “natural ecology” is an indispensable part of the broader “human ecology,” which encompasses not only material but moral and social dimensions as well.

## Solidarity

Solidarity is “a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to . . . the good of all and of each individual, because we are *all* really responsible for *all*.” It is found in “a commitment to the good of one’s neighbor with the readiness, in the Gospel sense, to ‘lose oneself’ for the sake of the other instead of exploiting him, and to ‘serve him’ instead of oppressing him for one’s own advantage.”<sup>11</sup>

We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. Our Catholic commitment to solidarity requires that we pursue justice, eliminate racism, end human trafficking, protect human rights, seek peace, and avoid the use of force except as a necessary last resort.

In a special way, our solidarity must find expression in the **preferential option for the poor and vulnerable**. A moral test for society is how we treat the weakest among us—the unborn, those dealing with disabilities or terminal illness, the poor, and the marginalized.

## Conclusion

In light of Catholic teaching, the bishops vigorously repeat their call for a renewed politics that focuses on moral principles, the promotion of human life and dignity, and the pursuit of the common good. Political participation in this spirit reflects not only the social teaching of our Church but the best traditions of our nation.

## Notes

- 1 *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 1913-15.
- 2 *Gaudete et Exsultate*, no. 25.
- 3 *Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 221.
- 4 These principles are drawn from a rich tradition more fully described in the *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church* from the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2005), no. 160. For more information on these principles, see *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, 2016, nos. 40ff.
- 5 *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 132. This summary represents only a few highlights from the fuller treatment of the human person in the *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*. For the fuller treatment, see especially nos. 124-159 where many other important aspects of human dignity are treated.
- 6 *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 185.
- 7 *Centesimus Annus*, no. 48; *Dignitatis Humanae*, nos. 4-6.
- 8 *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 164.
- 9 *Laudato Si’*, no. 77.
- 10 *Laudato Si’*, no. 217.
- 11 *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 193. (See Mt 10:40-42, 20:25; Mk 10:42-45; Lk 22:25-27)

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# immigration

*"As we welcome the stranger into our midst, we welcome Christ himself, for in the face of the migrant, immigrant, and refugee, we must see the face of Christ" - USCCB*

## WHAT EVERY CATHOLIC SHOULD KNOW ABOUT IMMIGRATION

The Catholic position on immigration is based on fundamental Catholic social teaching derived from the gospels and statements made by the popes and bishops around the world. They are based upon, and can be summarized by, two of the most basic principles of Church teaching: the right to life and the dignity of every person.

### Scripture

At the beginning of their journey in the desert as God's people, the Lord told Israelites that they were not to harm or hurt the alien, "for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt" (Deuteronomy 10:19). Likewise, in the book of Leviticus, Moses reminded the Israelites that they were to treat strangers with respect and not molest them: "Have the same love for [the stranger] as for yourself" (Leviticus 19:33-34).

We must remember that in the New Testament, Jesus himself was a refugee when as a child he fled into Egypt along with Mary and Joseph from the terror of Herod. (Matthew 2:14-15). The gospels remind us that throughout his ministry, Jesus was an itinerant, moving from place to place "with nowhere to lay his head." (Matthew 8:20). It is not surprising, therefore, that Jesus instructs us, his followers, to welcome the stranger: "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matthew 25:35).

The disciples on the road to Emmaus became witnesses to the truth by welcoming the stranger who, as it turned out, was the Lord Jesus himself. (Luke 24:13-15). We, too, are called to encounter the risen Christ by encountering the stranger in our midst.

### Papal Teaching

In his encyclical *Pacem in Terris* (Peace on Earth), Pope John XXIII articulated the fundamental right of human beings to migrate: "every human being has the right to the freedom of movement and of residence within the confines of their country; and, when there are just reasons for it, the right to emigrate and take up residence elsewhere."

Pope John Paul II reaffirmed this basic teaching in an address to the New World Congress on the Pastoral Care of Immigrants in 1985: "Every human being has the right to freedom of movement and of residence within the confines of his own country. When there are just reasons in favor of it, he must be permitted to migrate to other countries and to take up residence there. The fact that he is a citizen of a particular state does not deprive him of membership in the human family, nor of citizenship in the universal society, the common, world-wide fellowship of men."

In his trip to the United States, Pope Benedict XVI continued this message and called on Americans "to continue to welcome the immigrants who join your ranks today, to share their joys and hopes, to support them in their sorrow and trials, and to help them flourish in their new home. This, indeed, is what your fellow countrymen have done for generations. From the beginning, they have opened their doors to the tired, the poor, the 'huddled masses yearning to breathe free.' These are the people whom America has made her own."



# immigration facts<sup>1</sup>

COUNTERING THE MYTHS

## Immigrants Don't Want to Learn English

**FALSE:** The development of English proficiency among non-English speaking immigrants today mirrors that of 19th and early 20th century immigration. 91% of second-generation immigrants are fluent or near fluent English-speakers.

## Immigrants Don't Pay Taxes

**FALSE:** Undocumented immigrants do pay taxes. Between one-half and three-quarters of undocumented immigrants pay state and federal taxes. They also contribute to Medicare and provide as much as \$7 billion a year to the social security fund. Further still, undocumented workers pay sales taxes and property taxes (directly if they own property, and indirectly if they rent).

## Immigrants Increase the Crime Rate

**FALSE:** Immigrant communities do not increase the crime rate, and immigrants actually commit fewer crimes than native-born Americans. Although the undocumented immigrant population doubled in size between 1994 and 2005, violent crime dropped by 34% and property crimes decreased by 32%. Harvard sociologist Robert Sampson has found that first generation immigrants are 45% less likely to commit violent crimes than Americanized, third-generation immigrants.

## Immigrants are a Drain on The United States Economy

**FALSE:** The immigrant community not only is not a drain on the U.S. economy, but in fact it actually proves to be a net benefit. Research by the Cato Institute and the President's Council of Economic Advisors shows that the average immigrant pays a net \$80,000 more in taxes than that person collects in government services. For immigrants with college degrees, the net fiscal return is

\$198,000. The American Farm Bureau says that without guest workers, the U.S. economy would lose as much as \$9 billion a year in agricultural production and that 20% of current production would go overseas.

## Undocumented Immigrants are a Burden on the Healthcare System

**FALSE:** Federal, state, and local governments spend approximately \$1.1 billion annually on healthcare costs for undocumented immigrants, aged 18-64, or approximately \$11 in taxes for each United States household. This compares to \$88 billion spent on all healthcare for non-elderly adults in the U.S. in 2000. Foreign-born individuals tend to use fewer healthcare services because they are relatively healthier than their native-born counterparts. For example, in Los Angeles County, "total medical spending on undocumented immigrants was \$887 million in 2000 – 6% of total costs, although undocumented immigrants comprise 12% of the region's residents."

<sup>1</sup>Information obtained from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: *Justice for Immigrants Fact Sheet*; [www.justiceforimmigrants.org](http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org)

## Five Principles

The U.S. bishops in their January, 2003 Pastoral Letter "Strangers No Longer: Together On The Journey Of Hope" articulated five principles that should govern how the Church responds to public policy proposals relating to immigration:

1. Persons have the right to find opportunities in their homeland.
2. Persons have the right to migrate to support themselves and their families.
3. Sovereign nations have the right to control their borders.
4. Refugees and asylum-seekers should be provided protection.
5. The human rights and the human dignity of undocumented migrants should be respected.

# The Gospel at Home

## This Sunday's Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

In this Sunday's Gospel, the Pharisees are again trying to test Jesus. They were well aware that there are many laws in the first five books of the Bible—the books the Jews call the Torah, or the Law. The Pharisees asked Jesus which law was the greatest. Jesus answered at once: To love God with your whole self and to love your neighbor as yourself. Then Jesus gave the reason these two laws are important—because all the other laws depend on these two commandments. This week is a wonderful opportunity for your family to celebrate your love for God and your love for one another.

### Exploring the Gospel Message

**Seeds (Preschool):** Your child understands that there are family rules everyone must obey. Review some of your family rules. Share how these rules can show love for God and love for one another. Display the family prayer that your child assembled in class and use the prayer after meals for a few days.

**Promise (Grades K-1):** Your child learned about the Great Commandment—to love God and to love others. Talk with your child about the signs that he or she is loved. Invite your child to teach you how to play the game the class played. Talk about all the ways to show love that are shown on the game.

**Good News (Grades 2-3):** Your child's life is filled with rules. You provide many of those rules, but so do teachers, coaches, and other adults. But there is no more important rule than the Great Commandment—love of God and love of neighbor. Ask your child to share the story "Swimming Lessons" with the family. Ask your child to teach the family the game "Keeping Jesus' Law of Love."

**Venture (Grades 4-6):** Your young person learned about the Great Commandment. Ask your youngster to tell you about the "Put Yourself in My Shoes" show. If you were to put on the show in your family, what would be the challenges and how could you help one another? Talk about how your family puts the commandment to love into action every day.

**Visions (Grades 7-9):** Ask your youngster to share the story of Irena Sendler. Talk about how Irena's life was a living witness to the Great Commandment. Discuss, too, the play the young girls wrote and performed about Irena's life. Not everyone is called to great courage, but everyone is called to show love for God and love for one's neighbor. Talk about ways your family can show that love. (For an inspiring evening, the family will be enriched by viewing the film, "The Courageous Heart of Irena Sendler." It is available on Netflix.)

### Pray Together

When you complete your conversation about the Sunday's Gospel lesson, create a family litany. Make a list of all the ways your family can show love for God and love for others. Take turns reciting items from the list. After each item, the family can pray, "They will know we are Christians by our love!"







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# Bringing Home the Word

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

October 25, 2020

## Jesus Gave and Asks for All

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Jesus was a radical. This is expressed by the word all in today's Gospel. All your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. What does that command leave out? That's right, nothing! Jesus gave it all, and he asks for it all. That is radical.

Jesus is the first one to give us the example of this total and self-giving surrender to God the Father. When prayer was more important than sleep, he prayed. When he had to go without food, like in the desert, he did. When he knew that God wanted him to stay in town, he did. And when it was time to move on, he did as well. When he knew God wanted him to preach a word of compassion or condemnation, he did, regardless of whether the person was a

beggar, Peter, Pilate, or Herod. He gave all his heart, mind, and soul to God.

And what about loving his neighbor as himself? He loved not only his perfect, immaculate Mother, but he also loved his imperfect fellow human beings: his apostles, disciples, and fellow Jews whose faith and understanding were slow. He loved Judas and chased down discouraged apostles heading to Emmaus. He loved his enemies just as much. Tax collectors, publicans, Roman soldiers, Samaritans all received words and acts of love. The poor also had a special place in his heart, as was evident by his many miracles of soul and body for them.

His love even went beyond those people he encountered in his life and reached everyone for all times. He established the sacraments and his Church to accompany on their earthly pilgrimage all those who would follow him throughout history. He descended into hell to save those who had gone before him and opened heaven.

In short, he gave it all! And so, he can ask the same from us as well. +

*Jesus is the first one to give us the example of total and self-giving surrender to God the Father.*

### A Word from Pope Francis

All of us, living and dead, are in communion, that is, as a union; united in the community of those who have received baptism, and of those who are nourished by the Body of Christ.... We are all the same family, united. For this reason, we pray for each other.

—General audience, November 30, 2016



## Sunday Readings

### Exodus 22:20–26

You shall not oppress or afflict a resident alien, for you were once aliens residing in the land of Egypt.

### 1 Thessalonians 1:5c–10

And you became imitators of us and of the Lord.

### Matthew 22:34–40

[Jesus said,] "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

### QUESTIONS REFLECTION

- What is Jesus asking as you strive to give him your all?
- Joy comes from giving our all. Do you experience that joy?

# Translating the Gospel Message for All

By Johan van Parys

**M**y nieces and nephews are great kids—intelligent and kind—and I'm proud to be their uncle. Still, I regret their lack of participation in the life of the Church. From what other parishioners tell me, this is happening all around, not just in my family. Why are we losing so many young people? Why doesn't the gospel message get through to them?

This issue of the best way to communicate the gospel can be traced back to the apostles. Think about our Church's beginning—the time of Pentecost. Outside the Upper Room, I imagine great festivity as people from many regions and nations gathered in Jerusalem. Inside the Upper Room, the apostles were hiding, burdened with fear and uncertainty. Then suddenly everything changed. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, the apostles overcame their fear and burst into the street. The sight of the apostles, on fire with the Spirit as they spoke about God's marvelous deeds, must have quieted the crowd. Miraculously, everyone was able to understand them despite ethnic differences and linguistic barriers.

From Jerusalem, the apostles spread throughout the world proclaiming the Good News to every nation known to humankind. They succeeded because they presented the Gospel truth in different languages through various channels.

Successful missionary activity has always relied on the translation of the



one and true message into the vernacular and familiar idioms of the people receiving the message. The failures of the seventeenth- and eighteenth-century mission attempts in China were attributed to the Church's refusal to allow a Chinese Catholic rite that would have included "baptismal" pre-Christian theological language and accommodated ancestor worship, which was very dear to them. On the flip side, the success of the Church's mission in Central Africa has been ascribed to the introduction of a Congolese rite that considers the ethos of Central Africa and allows typical African modes of celebration.

As we preach the gospel in our current, ever-changing reality, we can do one of two things: turn inward and hide in a romanticized understanding of our perceived glorious past or find new ways

to preach the gospel. The first option might prove disastrous as the Church continues to crumble. The second, though not easy, offers hope—and the promise of a Church ever new and true.

During the next twelve months let us listen carefully to the spiritual needs of our people, learn to understand and speak their languages, and use their idioms wisely to spread the Good News. Let us pray for the knowledge and courage to do what needs to be done.

Finally, let us pray for the safe return of loved ones whose journeys have led them away from our Church. +

***Successful missionary activity relies on the translation of the one and true message into the vernacular and familiar idioms of the people receiving the message.***



***Lord, I am grateful your commandments to love are simple and to the point. Keep my focus on loving you. Stretch my heart to love my neighbor, too.***

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

## WEEKDAY READINGS

October 26–31

**Monday, Weekday:**  
Eph 4:32–5:8 / Lk 13:10–17


**Tuesday, Weekday:**  
Eph 5:21–33 / Lk 13:18–21

**Wednesday, Sts. Simon and Jude:**  
Eph 2:19–22 / Lk 6:12–16

**Thursday, Weekday:**  
Eph 6:10–20 / Lk 13:31–35

**Friday, Weekday:**  
Phil 1:1–11 / Lk 14:1–6

**Saturday, Weekday:**  
Phil 1:18b–26 / Lk 14:1, 7–11

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