

MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

November 1, 2020

All Saints

4:00 PM 8:00 AM 10:00 AM

Found in Bulletin insert

Gathering: For All The Saints

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 24)

Lord, this is the people that longs to

see your face.

Preparation Blessed Feasts Of Blessed Martyrs

Mass Parts Mass Of Creation

Communion The Supper Of The Lord Gift Of Finest Wheat

Recessional: How Can I Keep From Singing

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.



\$25,000

\$15,000

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!

\$750/\$15

\$450/\$9

Based on Income				
Annual Income	5% Commitment annually/ weekly	3% Commitment annually/ weekly		
\$100,000	\$5,000/ \$100	\$3,000/ <i>\$60</i>		
\$75,000	\$3,750/ <i>\$75</i>	\$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		

\$1,250/\$25

\$750/\$15

Suggested Weekly Contribution

▼ 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 25, 2020

Offertory

\$5,747.86



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

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November 1	Property Management
	All Saints
November 8	Catholic Campaign / Hum Dev
November 15	Fuel
November 22	Christmas Flowers
November 29	No Second Collection

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	\$18.70	\$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 <u>BiddingOwl</u> 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

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.

₩ WEEKLY CALENDAR №

Wednesday, November 4

Holy Angels Church Plaistow open for private prayer all day

Thursday, November 5

8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration

Newton

Saturday, November 7

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.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of the Veterans' Day holiday, the Parish Office will be **closed on Wednesday, November 11**. The Office will reopen at 8:30 AM on Thursday, November 12.



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

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

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

AmazonSmile.com is the same market platform as Amazon.com, but with the added benefit of allowing customers to donate 0.5% of the price of items purchased to a charitable organization. Please register today to start shopping and donating at www.amazonsmile.com. Be sure to choose:

St Luke the Evangelist Parish, Plaistow

▼ MASS INTENTIONS ▼

Saturday, 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

Monday, November 2 ~ All Souls Day

Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40

8:00 AM Deceased Parishioners and Benefactors

of the Parish *Newton*

Tuesday, November 3 ~ Martin de Porres, Religious

Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24

8:00 AM George & Jean Ballard

by Lisa and Charlie Angwin

Plaistow

Wednesday, November 4 ~ Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Phil 2:12-18: Lk 14:25-33

6:30 PM Martin & Florence Fogel and Frank Kelcourse

by Elaine Kelcourse

Plaistow

Thursday, November 5 ~ Weekday

Phil 3:3-8a: Lk 15:1-10

8:00 AM Francine Bettencourt by Janice Bettencourt

Newton

Friday, November 6 ~ Weekday

Phil 3:17—4:1; Lk 16:1-8 No Mass

Saturday, November 7 ~ Vigil / 32nd Sunday in Ord. Time

Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15 (Day)

Wis 6: 12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Bertha Boben by Pat Zakiewicz

Plaistow

Sunday, November 1 ~ 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 6: 12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13

8:00 AM William Bettencourt and Walter Halko

by Janice Bettencourt

Newton

10:00 AM Martin & Florence Fogel and Frank Kelcourse

by Elaine Kelcourse

Plaistow

PRAYER LINE

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

▼ 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.



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

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Are you an adult who has been Baptized and received Eucharist, but has not celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation? The adult Confirmation process is an opportunity to complete the Sacraments of Initiation. If you would like to prepare for Confirmation, or if you have questions, call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305 or call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305 or email her at

csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

ADORATION

We are truly blessed to have times for Adoration of Our Lord in our Parish. This time of prayer and intercession is not only a source of great grace for the individual, but it is a great source of grace for us as a parish family, as well.

We have many who have made the commitment to spend an hour each week with our Eucharistic Lord, **but** we need more people so there will be at least two people at each hour. We are also looking for people who would be able to substitute.

Newton - Thursday 8:30 AM - 8:30 PM

If you can commit to one hour a week in Adoration of our Lord, or if you can be a substitute, please contact Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305 or email her at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

The Church in Plaistow is open all day on Wednesdays for people to stop by and pray before the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle.

▶ PARISH DIRECTORY ▶

 Parish Office
 382-8324

 Parish Prayer Line
 382-8324 x 314

 St. Vincent de Paul Society
 382-8324 x 315

 St. Luke's Food Pantry
 819-4949

 Preschool
 382-9783

 Presentation of Mary Convent
 382-2744

Fr. Albert Tremblay Cathy Smith Joyce Szczapa Jackie Tremblay Thomas Kondel Val Barczak Parish Council

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Parish News ~ Around The Diocese №

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST JUDE COUNCIL # 6617 GIVE YOUR PARISH COMMUNITY 1 HOUR A MONTH

The Knights of Columbus are a vital and vibrant part of the St Luke the Evangelist Parish. We welcome any practicing Catholic man 18 or older to join the Knights, whose main purpose is charitable works in support of our parish and community. Joining is simple – talk to a brother Knight or you can now join on-line. Go to www.kofc.org/joinus. Your Council is involved in many activities from collecting money for people with intellectual disabilities through the Tootsie Roll Drive to the annual St Jude Golf Open which raises money for parish families in need. The list is as long as you want it to be. Do you have a certain passion you would like to get involved in? Come join us and make it a reality! We are Catholic men. We live by principles informed by faith. We are sons, fathers, husbands, and grandfathers. Join us on life's greatest adventure to. Feel free to call Dan Sullivan at 603-770-4803, email him dans49@comcast.net, or catch him at the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass in Newton. For more information about the Knights, visit:

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

VOTE 2020

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

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

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.

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.

VIRTUAL YOUG ADULT WORKSHOP November 17, 2020

1:00 to 3:00 PM

Young adults are invited to a virtual workshop with Father Michael Hennessy, C.S.P. Father Mike is a Paulist priest serving in the Diocese of Grand Rapids, Michigan. He will spend some time helping to identify who young adults are, their relationship with the Church and the world, some best practices for communication, and some programming ideas. There is no fee, but you must register to participate. Go to www.catholicnh.org for more information and to register.



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.

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 register. December 2. To visit www.ccnh.org/bereavement. You may also call 603-752-1325 or email efrenette@nh-cc.org.

Saint Luke the Evangelist





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

Owen Hayes
Sarah Hayes
Maeve Hayes
Tristan Fielding

"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.



All Saints Day

As the Church year comes to a close and nature itself begins slowly to fade from Fall glory to the browns of winter-time, the Church prepares to celebrate two great feasts: All Saints and All Souls. We remember on those days those people who have rested in peace with God and have entered heaven's Banquet. Saints, official and unofficial, pray for and with us as we continue our earthly journey.

The origin of All Saints Day cannot be traced with certainty, and it has been observed on various days in different places. However, there are some who maintain the belief that it has origins in the pagan observation of the Feast of the *Lemures*, in which the malevolent and restless spirits of the dead were remembered and somehow satisfied. Those who study the Liturgy of the Church base the idea that this *Lemuria* festival was the origin of that of All Saints on their identical dates and based on a similar theme of honoring "all of the dead." The celebrations associated with All Hallows Eve (or Halloween) are also linked with

the same pagan traditions that were "baptized" by the Christian church. The Christian origin of the festival of All Saints celebrated in the West dates to May 13, 609 or 610, when Pope Boniface IV consecrated the Pantheon at Rome to the Blessed Virgin and all the martyrs; the feast has been celebrated at Rome ever since.

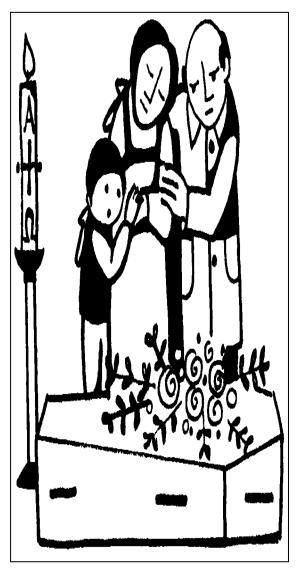
There is evidence that from the fifth through the seventh centuries there existed in certain places and at sporadic intervals a feast on May 13 to celebrate the holy martyrs.

The feast of All Saints, on its current date, is traced to the foundation by Pope Gregory III (731-741) of a chapel in St. Peter's in the Vatican for the relics of the saints that rested in that place on November 1, 731.

A festival of all the saints was already widely celebrated on November 1 in the days of Charlemagne. It was made a day of obligation throughout the Frankish empire in 835, by a decree of Louis the Pious, issued "at the instance of Pope Gregory IV and with the assent of all the bishops," which confirmed its celebration on November 1.

All Souls Day

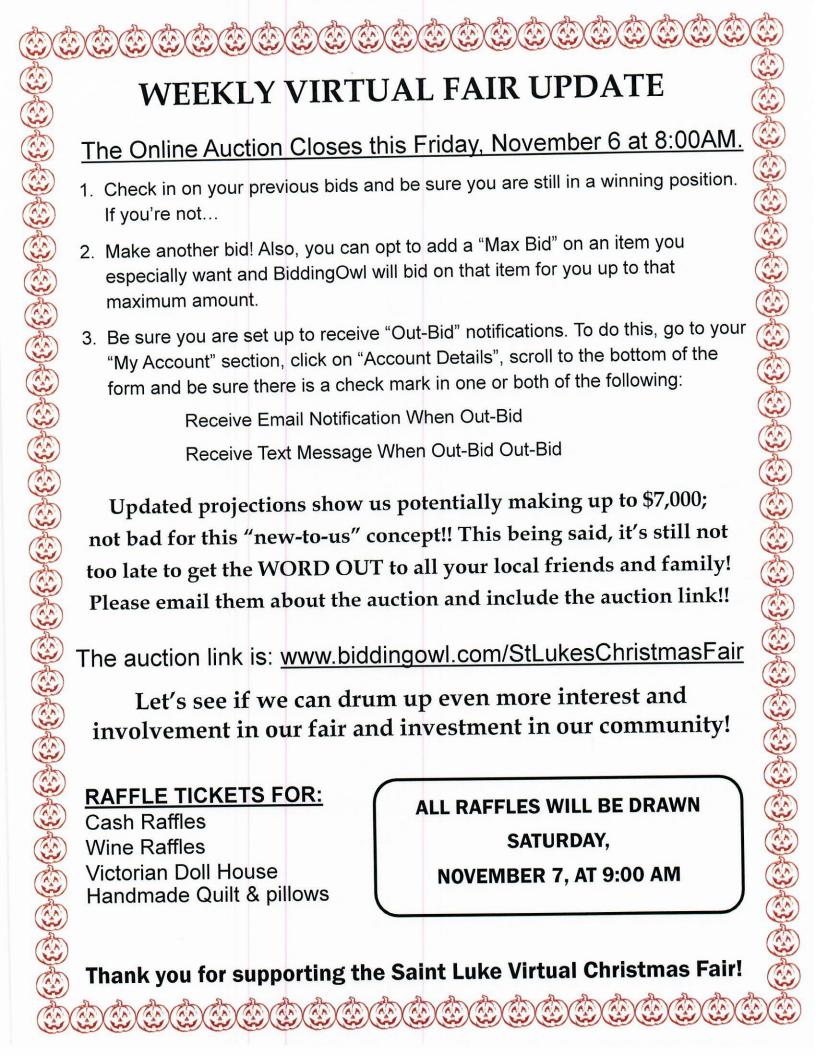
The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls) comes as a well-meaning liturgical afterthought to that of All Saints. Having commemorated all the blessed who enjoy the face of God in their death, we turn our thoughts to the other souls who await the fullness of God's glory. The sequence of these two feasts implies a belief that those who have lived lives of holiness enjoy God's presence and can intercede for us before the throne of God. These are the dead who await the call to resurrection and eternal bliss with God, and we remember every November 2 members of our families, friends, the lonely and forgotten, and public figures who have touched our lives. On this day we pray that God will have mercy on them and grant them the vision of blessedness for which they longed.



All Souls Day celebrates our union with the faithful of the Church in every place and beyond all time. We will remember all the deceased of the Parish at 8 am on November 2 at Newton. With all the COVID restrictions, we will not gather for a special All Souls Liturgy that evening.

The Book of the Names of the Dead

Continuing throughout November, a special *Book of the Names of the Dead* will be opened at the near the Baptismal Font for the 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.



AUCTION PICK UP DAYS & TIMES FRIDAY Nevember 6, at 8:00AM

- Bidding for the Auction ends on FRIDAY, November 6, at 8:00AM.
- Raffles will be drawn on SATURDAY, November 7, at 9:00AM.
 Raffle winners will be called by noon.
- Pick up days and times for raffle & auction winnings are as follows:
 - Saturday, November 7, from 3:00PM-6:00PM
 - Sunday, November 8, from 9:00AM-1:00PM
 - Saturday, November 14, from 3:00PM-6:00PM
 - Sunday, November 15, from 9:00AM-1:00PM
- Pick up location is downstairs in the Parish Hall.
 To aid in social distancing, all winners will enter the side door closet to the Parish Center and file through the check out line and exit through the door at the back of the Parish Hall
- All winners will be required to show Photo ID.
- Winners of the Wine Raffle will be required to prove they are 21 years of age using a valid photo id such as drivers license or passport.
- Winners of Cash Raffle prizes will be required to show their valid driver's license or passport when they pick up their check.
- All Winnings MUST be picked up by 1:00PM on Sunday, November 15, 2020, unless prior arrangements have been made.
- ITEMS NOT PICKED UP BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020, WILL BE CONSIDERED FORFEITED WITHOUT REFUND, NO EXCEPTIONS, UNLESS PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE.
- Shipping is NOT AVAILABLE for any item.

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Voting with a Catholic Heart

STEPHEN P. WHITE

YOUR VOTE MATTERS

What does it mean to vote with a Catholic heart?
During this extraordinary time, how can we Catholic citizens exercise the rights and responsibilities of our citizenship in a way that reflects what is most sacred to us: our Catholic faith?

Many expect the response to that question to more readily answer its controversial cousin: "For whom should I vote?" While in a certain sense, how we vote finds its culmination in who we vote for, the two choices are not always mutually dependent. However, the decision on how to vote best results in a wise and prudent one when it's made after careful consideration of what the responsibilities of citizenship are.

Good citizenship begins with love for the people and communities to which we belong, to which we are bound, and upon which our own flourishing depends. The love of citizenship, like all human loves, must be ordered properly. Our love has to be directed toward what is good and away from what is bad, but it also has to be directed toward good things in the proper proportion. We have to love the right things, and we have to love them in the right way. God, country, family, health, wealth, comfort, security, peace, freedom: all of these are good things. Each is worthy of love. But they are not all worthy of love in the same way.

In order to love well—in citizenship as in everything else—we must have our priorities straight. Material prosperity is good, but it is not as worthy of my love as God. My comfort is good, but it is not more worthy of my love than my country. Health is important, but it is not the most important thing.

Even the way we love other people—who are all of equal, inestimable value—varies depending on the situation. I love my wife in one way and my neighbor a different

way. I love my children in one fashion and the neighbors' kids in a different fashion. These differences extend throughout society, and keeping these relationships properly ordered is a matter of justice—giving to them what is owed to them. Justice demands that the law treat the innocent and guilty differently, just as justice dictates that we should take special care for those who cannot care for themselves.

Sometimes, we have to choose between competing goods. Other times, we must go without some good or endure some evil. Choosing what is best in difficult and complicated circumstances requires us to love the right things and to love them in the right way. But it also requires us to use more than just our hearts. "Voting with a Catholic heart" means using our heads, too.

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Our reason allows us the freedom to deliberately choose between one thing and another—between good and evil or between what is good, better, and best. The *Catechism* explains this clearly: Without the gift of freedom, which is "rooted in reason and will," (CCC 1731) we would

not be able to love. But that same freedom is also what makes it possible to "choose between good and evil, and thus of growing in perfection or sin," (CCC 1732). Obviously, it's important that we are able to know what is good in any particular circumstance and to know the best way to achieve that good so our freedom is put in service of what is actually good. The virtue that helps to know what is good and how best to achieve it is called prudence.

Prudence is not merely being cautious. Sometimes prudence demands that we act boldly or swiftly. Sometimes prudence can demand in one set of circumstances what would be foolish or unwise in another set of circumstances. (For example, jumping out of a third-story window is foolish...unless the building is on fire and there is no other way out.) Prudence may guide us to choose what is risky, even dangerous, and then we need courage as well as prudence. But prudence never demands that we choose what is evil, not even in the hope that something good will come of it.

Some moral choices are clear, even if they are not always easy to make. The intentional killing of an innocent human being, for example, is never justified. There are other examples: lying and calumny, adultery, blasphemy, torture, various acts against nature, etc. These acts are called "intrinsically evil," which means they are bad in and of themselves, regardless of circumstances. Prudence can never justify them.

If we back a candidate or party because they support a grave evil, we participate in that evil ourselves. We are complicit by our cooperation. Sometimes we might be justified in supporting a candidate despite the fact that they endorse

a great evil, but only if our support for the lesser of two evils is made with the intent of advocating for a lesser evil (for example if two candidates favor abortion, but one at least seeks to limit it).

Most of the decisions we have to make are difficult precisely because they include weighing one good against another, or judging the lesser of two evils. Such choices do not always permit obvious or easy solutions. In such cases, we must rely on our conscience to make

the most prudent choice, paying careful attention to the demands of justice. "Conscience includes the perception of the principles of morality (synderesis); their application in the given circumstances by practical discernment of reasons and goods; and finally judgment about concrete acts yet to be performed or already performed" (CCC 1780). Just because a decision is left to our prudential judgment does not mean we are not morally culpable for the decisions we make. We are! This is true for the leader who must decide whether to wage war. It's true for the employer who must decide how



Does your definition of justice match the author's? Why or why not?

Do you believe that if you vote for a candidate who backs a grave evil that you are complicit?

What does voting with a Catholic heart mean to you?

to compensate his employees. It's true for the voting citizen.

If we really want to choose what is best in our particular circumstances, we need to act with both love and prudence. We need to understand the myriad relationships that make up society so we can judge according to justice and the common good. We should take a close look at what we mean by the common good because it is a critically important concept that is easily misunderstood.

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The common good is something that exists for the sake of the good of those who share in it. The point of a political community, for example, is to serve the good of its members, its citizens. But the community itself is a good thing, too. And not just because living in community provides some efficiency or protection to the members, but because being bound together in a common life is itself a higher good. The common good is more than simply the sum of the private interests of citizens.

There is more than one common good—each family, each nation, each true society of every sort is a kind of common good. "The common good" usually applies to a particular political community (like a nation). But it can also apply to universal common good for everyone.

Think of the creation story, when God says, "It is not good for the man to be alone" (Genesis 2:18). We are not made to be alone; we are made to be in communion with others. When we are deprived of that bond, we suffer. And when the communities to which we belong suffer, we suffer as well. When they thrive, we flourish, too.

The common good never erases or replaces the good of the individual, nor is it discovered through some utilitarian calculation designed to achieve the most gratification for the most people. The common good is the condition for the full flourishing of each one of us, together. It is discovered and known only through knowing who man is and what he is for.



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In this, Christians have a unique and irreplaceable contribution to make to our society's understanding of the common good because, as the Second Vatican Council insists, "The truth is that only in the mystery of the incarnate Word does the mystery of man take on light" Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (Gaudium et Spes, 22).

Here we see clearly how the common good can never be separated from the dignity of every person. To deny or violate the common good is to deny or violate the dignity of the human person, whose personal good depends upon the common good because he was made for it. Likewise, to violate the dignity of the human person is to radically undermine the very foundation of the common good.

Too often, the common good and the good of the individual are treated as if they are in competition. Too often, the common good is seen as a "collectivist" principle, while the dignity of the human person is seen as an "individualist" principle. Not so. The dignity of the human person and the common good are inextricably linked; they stand or fall together. Understanding this is critical to understanding how the common good ought to help guide the way we vote.

Recently, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops renewed its statement on faithful citizenship, which emphasizes the importance of conscience, formed by and with the Church, in making decisions about voting. There is a great deal to consider. The bishops have



consistently weighed in on a wide variety of issues, including immigration, racism, economic questions, and more. But there is one issue on which they place the strongest emphasis, and with good reason.

The bishops consider the issue of abortion differently than other issues—and guide us to do the same—because of the gravity of the evil, the scale of the evil, and the context within which the evil occurs and is perpetuated. Here's how the bishops put it:

The threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed. At the same time, we cannot dismiss or ignore other serious threats to human life and dignity such as racism, the environmental crisis, poverty, and the death penalty.

Abortion is a direct attack on the human person and therefore profoundly incompatible with the common good. It further disrupts the common good by bringing violence into the very heart of the foundation of all society: the family. And it does all this on a scale that is so terrible it is almost hard to imagine. About 61 million innocents have been killed in legal abortions since Roe versus Wade in 1973, an average of well over 1 million a year. It is hard to think of another issue or policy that comes close to abortion in terms of the gravity of the evil or the scale of the slaughter. The bishops would happily focus on other, less painful and divisive issues. But nothing in America destroys the common good and the dignity of the human person more than the evil of abortion.

One of the bishops' greatest tasks is to help their flock. Apply the principles of the Church's teachings on the common good to the particulars of time and place. Their job is to prepare us to be faithful in our citizenship. They can't do the hard work of moral reasoning for us or dictate to us

what judgments we ought to make. We make those choices, and one day we will answer for them.

So, what's the answer to our first question: What does it mean to vote with a Catholic heart? The answer is simple: Know and love what is good, judge with prudence the best course of action to bring about the common good, and act accordingly.

That may seem unsatisfying, especially given everything that's going on in our country

and our world. It is, perhaps, especially unsatisfying to those who simply would like to know who a Catholic should vote for. After all, those of us who are going to vote have to pick someone to vote for. For most of us, that means we are going to choose between one of two choices.

Most of the work of citizenship happens long before we vote. That's true every year. But it's perhaps especially important to remember at a time when we seemingly expect the outcome of one election to bear the weight of all our common life. As a result, many of us feel disillusioned.

Elections are important, but if we want elections—even important, national elections—to transform our political life into an ordered love for the common good, we are setting ourselves up for disappointment. By investing our hopes and efforts into electoral politics, we risk failing to give adequate care to those spaces and places where most of our common life actually happens: our families, neighborhoods, parishes, schools, workplaces, and more.

Our responsibility as citizens is fulfilled when we act in defense of the human person and for the sake of the common good. Our responsibility as citizens finds expression in treating each member and part of society with justice—given to each what is due to them. Our responsibility as citizens is fulfilled when these actions are animated by a love that is ordered toward the true common good. If we take this mission seriously, if we live this mission faithfully, if we listen to our shepherds attentively, then we will have what it takes to vote with a Catholic heart.

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The Gospel at Home

This Sunday's Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

On this feast that remembers all the saints who have gone before us, the Gospel shows us the qualities of sainthood in the Beatitudes. These statements contrast sharply with what most think will make them happy. Jesus turns worldly thoughts about the sources of happiness upside down. The Saints are people who have lived the Beatitudes in their own lives and have shown us all the way to follow Jesus.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): Your child learned about the special day that honors all the Saints. It is a good time to share stories about the people in your family that taught you about Jesus and the Church—those who passed on the faith to you. When you are in your parish church, walk around and look at all the images of the saints that you find there—statues, pictures, stained glass, etc.

Promise (Grades K–1): For this All Saints Day, ask your child to share with the family the six saints he or she learned about in class. These saints showed great love and service throughout their whole lives. Talk about members of your family who show their faith with love and service. Look at the Our Father booklet your child made and pray the Lord's Prayer together.

Good News (Grades 2–3): In class this week, your child learned about the Saints by discovering the cities and places in which they served others. The class also learned the Beatitudes and played a game based on the Sermon on the Mount. Talk about what makes each member of your family happy. Then talk about those Saints that inspire each of you to follow Jesus—Saints whose example you can follow.

Venture (Grades 4–6): This week your young person learned more about the Communion of Saints by hearing about the vision from the Book of Revelation, which is this Sunday's second reading. Talk together about what qualities saints have that show us how we should follow Jesus as his disciples. Ask your child to share the story, "Blessed Are the Poor." What is the lesson of this story? Remember that November 2 is All Souls Day. Talk about traditions like the Mexican observance of the Day of the Dead. How does your family honor those who have died?

Visions (Grades 7–9): For the Feast of All Saints, the class studied the Beatitudes in some depth. Your youngster learned how these statements from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount point out what the world sees as suffering or need, but the eyes of faith see these as signs of happiness. The Saints we celebrate this week all understood this great mystery. Talk about the lessons your young person learned from the story, "Room 111." As a family, talk about ways each of you can live the Beatitudes.

Pray Together

The Solemnity of All Saints and All Souls' Day provide an excellent opportunity to remember those who have "fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in [God's] mercy" (Eucharistic Prayer II). One way to do that is to pay a visit to the local Catholic cemetery. Visit the graves of your family members and say a little prayer for each one. Then walk through the cemetery. Pray together, "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."

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Bringing Home the Word

Solemnity of All Saints (A) November 1, 2020

We Are All Called to Sainthood

By Mary Katharine Deeley

I didn't have a calendar for a long time and prided myself on keeping my schedule and my children's schedule in my head. Then came the week I missed three appointments and realized I could no longer rely on my memory. Now I live by my calendar. Appointments, meetings, and to-do lists are neatly in their appropriate slots, and the calendar is the first thing I look at in the morning and the last thing I see before I leave the office. There isn't a lot of time for anything else. This begs the question: When does being a saint get space in my day?

Sunday Readings

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress.

1 John 3:1-3

Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure.

Matthew 5:1-12a

[Jesus said,] "Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven."

Saints are so transparent to God that God's grace simply flows through them. And we are all called to sainthood, to holiness, regardless of what we do or who we are in the world. We have the mistaken notion that the saints spent all their time doing religious or spiritual things and that if their schedules were like ours, there would be fewer of them. We couldn't be further from the truth. Saint Paul-when he wasn't planting churches, writing letters, or preaching the Good News-was spending more than a little time in prison. I don't think sainthood was really on his to-do list. Nor did he schedule being holy in between travels. His sainthood came from hearing the voice of God, obeying it, and incorporating it into whatever he was doing.

Shoehorning prayer and study into our schedules may be just what we need, and we must allow God to help us find and become the saint in the midst of each of our lives. +

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A Word from Pope Francis

Christians are called to promote political dialogue, especially where it is threatened and where conflict seems to prevail. Christians are called to restore dignity to politics and to view politics as a lofty service to the common good, not a platform for power.... To be a leader demands thoughtfulness, training, and experience.

—Address to Bishops' Conferences of the European Community, October 28, 2017



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- Who are your favorite saints and why?
- How can you put more prayer, religious study, and holiness into your schedule?

Want to Be in That Number?

By Kathleen M. Basi

hen I was a child, I had a book about saints that I loved. It was filled with color pictures and heroic, larger-than-life stories. I spent hours trying to decide whether I liked Catherine of Siena better for cutting her hair off and being a nun and all, but Alexandria's picture was prettier.

It was years before I realized most of these people weren't the golden-haired northern Europeans portrayed in my book. It was later still before I realized that by focusing on legends and miracles, I had turned sainthood into something reserved for a select few—something far beyond the reach of an ordinary mortal like me.

These days, I prefer to think of the saints as real people, flawed and fragile, representing every country and culture on earth. Yet for all their diversity, each of them sought exactly what I seek: discernment and courage to walk in the footsteps of Christ in a way that is authentic both to his example and to the time and place in which I live.

Now, my favorite stories speak not of miracles, but of extraordinary courage in ordinary situations—like Elizabeth Ann Seton, who, as an impoverished widow, founded the first parochial school in this country, along with a new order of religious—all while raising her own children.

They speak of deeply practical courage in extraordinary circumstances—like Maximilian Kolbe, who willingly



starved to death in place of a fellow concentration-camp prisoner in Auschwitz. In my opinion, that would be even harder than volunteering for a firing squad, where at least the end would come quickly.

And then there are figures with checkered pasts, like Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton—those who don't have feast days in the Church calendar but whose words and actions have reverberated like an earthquake, reshaping the foundation of my faith.

Real people. Real lives. People stumbling through their world in all its messiness, trying to find the path to holiness amid chaos and to identify their individual purpose for why God placed them on this earth. Those people give me hope. If they managed to find their purpose, maybe I can, too.

Saints are real people with real lives seeking the discernment and courage to exemplify Christ.

It's no longer enough for me to read a paragraph or two about the legendary exploits of those whose names begin with "Saint." I want to know how the real people behind those legends lived. How they learned to mirror God while surrounded by cranky kids and clueless coworkers and spouses who insist on using dish towels to wipe dirty mouths. Because that is the path I need illuminated. +



Lord, I am grateful for your life of humble service. Give me a humble, willing heart to serve the needs of your people.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS

November 2-7

Monday, All Souls' Day: Wis 3:1–9 / Rom 5:5–11 / Jn 6:37–40

Tuesday, Weekday: Phil 2:5–11 / Lk 14:15–24

Wednesday, St. Charles Borromeo: Phil 2:12–18 / Lk 14:25–33 Thursday, Weekday: Phil 3:3–8a / Lk 15:1–10

Friday, Weekday: Phil 3:17—4:1 / Lk 16:1–8

Saturday, Weekday: Phil 4:10–19 / Lk 16:9–15



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