

St. Luke the Evangelist

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Albert J. Tremblay, obl. SB
Ms. Cathy Smith, Pastoral Associate

ADVISORY COUNCILS

Mr. Robert Harb, Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson
Mr. Michael Rosa, Parish Finance Council Chairperson

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm.
The Parish Office is closed on Fridays.

8 Atkinson Depot Rd., Plaistow, NH 03865
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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY

8 Atkinson Depot Road, Plaistow
Vigil 4:00 pm; Sunday 10:00 am
Tuesday 8:00 am; Wednesday 6:30 pm

12 Amesbury Road, Newton
Sunday 8:00 am
Monday and Thursday 8:00 am

Website:
www.stlukenh.org

HOLY DAY LITURGIES
As Announced

RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered in Plaistow on Saturdays from 3:00 to 3:30 pm or by appointment.



Christian Formation

Ms. Cathy Smith, Adult Faith Formation
Mrs. Joyce Szczapa, Rel. Ed. Coordinator
Ms. Janice Bettencourt, RCIA Director

Music Ministries

Mrs. Valerie Barczak, Music Director
Mr. Robert Capriole, Contemporary Group

Support Staff

Ms. Jackie Tremblay, Office Manager
Mr. Glenn Hughes, Facility Manager

Parish Outreach Ministries

Saint Luke the Evangelist Food Pantry,
Joe & Marie Farren 603-819-4949
Society of Saint Vincent de Paul,
Mrs. Trisha Mainella 603-382-8324 ext 315

Pre-School & Kindergarten
Mrs. Jean Lanctot, Director
603-382-9783

Making Estate Plans?

Consider remembering St. Luke the Evangelist in your will.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE:

BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is typically celebrated at Sunday Liturgy. Please attend a Baptismal catechesis session prior to scheduling. Contact the Parish Office for details.

MARRIAGE

Please call the Parish Office for an appointment prior to scheduling any date. Diocesan policies require at least six months preparation time before Marriage is celebrated.

ANOIDING OF THE SICK

Arrangements can be made to celebrate this Sacrament at any time by contacting the Parish Office.

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

Anyone who is unable to attend Mass and who would like to receive the Holy Eucharist should call the Parish Office to make arrangements for a visit.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic or who would like to complete the Sacraments of Initiation should call the Parish Office or speak to Janice Bettencourt for more information.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Adoration of our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament takes place in our parish every week. New adorers are welcome; to sign up for a specific hour, please call the Parish Office.

In Plaistow: Wednesdays - Church open all day

In Newton: Thursdays at 8:30 am until 8:30 pm.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Grand Knight, Jeff Lozeau

St. Jude Council 6617 meets on the first Monday of the month from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Parish Center in Plaistow. New members are welcome.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Religious Education for children begins at Sunday Liturgy with families participating faithfully in the Lord's Day. Sessions for children pre-school through grade 8 are held during the 10 am Liturgy on Sundays as part of a Children's Liturgy of the Word. Sacramental preparation sessions are home based or are held on Sunday morning following the 10 am Liturgy as scheduled. Contact the Religious Education Office for more information or visit www.stlukenh.org.

PARISH VISION STATEMENT

A Roman Catholic Community, we are called by God to be a loving family consecrated through Baptism and transformed by the true presence of Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist so as to grow in spiritual maturity and in reverence for the Lord.

New Parishioners

We welcome you to St. Luke the Evangelist Parish! Registration forms are available at the Church entrance, at the Parish Office, or on our website: <http://stlukenh.org>

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH



Out of respect, please remember to silence or turn off your cell phones during Mass. Thank you!

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

If you would like an "end of year" financial statement of your contributions to the parish for 2020, **please call Jackie** at the Parish Office at 382-8324. **Financial Statements are issued on a request only basis.**

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays, the Parish Office will **close for the week at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, December 23** and at **12:00 Noon on Wednesday, January 30.**

Our usual office hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM. The Parish Office is closed on Fridays.



GIVING TREES

Thanks to all who took ornaments from the Giving Tree this year. You have helped to make the Christmas season brighter for children of the community and for many people who are struggling to make ends meet. Your generosity is truly appreciated!

ADULT CONFIRMATION OR RCIA

Are you an adult who has been Baptized and received Eucharist, but has not celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation? Or are you interested in becoming a member of the Roman Catholic Church? For more information, please call Cathy Smith at 382-8324 or email: csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

ST. LUKE'S WEBSITE! <http://stlukenh.org>

CHRISTMAS SEASON LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 26	3:00 PM -Sacrament of Reconciliation – Plaistow Vigil - Feast of Holy Family Blessing of families at all weekend Masses: 4:00 PM Liturgy, Plaistow
Sunday, December 27	Feast of the Holy Family Blessing of families at all weekend Masses: 8:00 AM – Newton 10:00 AM – Plaistow 6:00 PM Evening Prayer (Newton)
Thursday, December 31	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (<i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>) OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS 4:00 PM (Plaistow) NO ADORATION IN NEWTON
Friday, January 1	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (<i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>) OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS 9:00 AM (Newton)
Saturday, January 2	3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation (Plaistow) Vigil - SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 4:00 PM Liturgy -Plaistow
Sunday, January 3	SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY 8:00 AM in Newton 10:00 AM in Plaistow 6:00 PM Evening Prayer (Newton)
Saturday, January 9	Vigil–Baptism of the Lord Regular Liturgy Schedule
Sunday, January 10	BAPTISM OF THE LORD Regular Liturgy Schedule 6:00 PM Evening Prayer (Newton)

✠ PARISH DIRECTORY ✠

Parish Office
Parish Prayer Line
St. Vincent de Paul Society
St. Luke's Food Pantry
Preschool

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**KIMBERLY'S 15TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY
GIVE AWAY!!!**

Although 2020 has been unique in so many ways it is important to still acknowledge that charity is necessary. This year many of my typical donation sites are unable to accept donations due to the pandemic. I will still be collecting clothing on **January 2 and 3** at Holy Angels Church, but this year **only from 12:00 to 2:00 PM** each day. I will be in the parking lot, strictly accepting children's clothing for Catie's Closet, through contactless delivery. For all other donations, Ruth's House is still accepting goods, including gently used clothing and housing items on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM and on Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM (111 Lafayette Square, Haverhill, MA).

If you have larger items, including furniture, that Ruth's House may not be able to accept you can make an appointment to deliver to: The Wish Project (866) 947-4360, 166 Middlesex St, North Chelmsford, MA.

For any and all donations that you would like to be added to "Kimberly's Holiday Give Away's" Annual Total, please notify me at: kimberly-andrade@comcast.net. Thank you so much for your continued support throughout the years. I look forward to next year, hoping that things may be closer to normal. May God continue to bless you all, and I wish you and your families a safe and healthy holiday season.

Kimberly Clenord

Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone "Virtual"!

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a virtual marriage experience called **Restore – Rekindle – Renew**. This Enrichment Experience meets via Zoom. For more information or to apply, call John and Toni Torio at 718-344-3700 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.



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!

✠ 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!

**OFFERTORY AMOUNTS FOR
DECEMBER 20, 2020
WILL APPEAR IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN**



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

December 25	Christmas & Needs of Parish
December 27	No Second Collection
January 1	Mary, Mother of God
January 3	Property Management
January 10	Seminarian Fund
January 17	Fuel

**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 ✠

HOLY ANGELS CEMETERY CLOSING

With the end of the Fall season and the coming of the Winter months, **Holy Angels Cemetery in Plaistow is closed from December 1, 2020 until Spring 2021.** This decision comes as result of the real dangers of snow and ice in the Cemetery and the costs to Parishioners to inter during the winter months. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.

COVID-19 IS STILL AROUND!

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

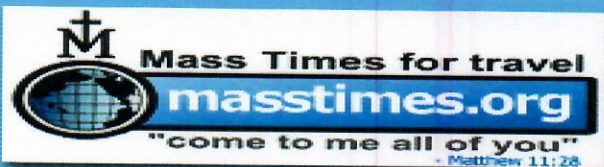
Anyone who has had recent symptoms of fever, any respiratory symptoms (runny nose, nasal congestion, sore throat, cough, shortness of breath), chills, severe fatigue or changes in sense of smell or taste may have been exposed to COVID-19. Testing is encouraged. Please refrain from attending any liturgical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

Liturgy online or on TV...

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

FOR OUR RECORDS

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



**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.**

WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish Office, Holy Angels Cemetery Office, Saint Luke Food Pantry and the Parish Liturgical schedule complies with the longstanding inclement weather policy of Saint Luke Religious Education Program and Holy Angels Pre-School-Kindergarten: **If the Timberlane and/or Sanborn regional school districts close because of inclement weather, ALL Parish Offices and Parish programs will be closed or suspended. All activities by any Parish or non-Parish groups will be cancelled for that day/evening on both campuses.** In the event of a weather related closing, the scheduled weekday Liturgy will not be held and the intention (if any) will be moved to a conveniently available date. **Sunday (or Saturday evening) liturgies can never be cancelled, but all are advised to use prudence when deciding to travel to Church during winter storms.**



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WHILE AWAY THIS WINTER...

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