

COVID UPDATE

By mandate of the Bishop of Manchester on June 6, all restrictions and procedures put in place during the pandemic are no longer in effect.

The choice to wear or to not wear a mask is left up to individuals and their discretion. Those persons who have not been vaccinated should be especially mindful of their own safety and the safety of others, especially those vulnerable to communicable disease.

A hand sanitizer station will remain at the main entrances of the church doors for the time being for parishioners' convenience.

Anyone who has been recently exposed to COVID 19 or any other communicable disease should not attend public services of any kind. Those sick should remain at home until such time as they are healthy.

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

✠ 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!

June 27, 2021

Offertory \$6,437.89
Works of Holy Father \$1,122.96



COVID VACCINE CONCERNS

Beware of fake news! There are reports that call into question the moral and ethical validity of Covid-19 vaccines. Do not be misled. **Right click** on the following tab and **open** the hyperlink to read what the Bishops of the Unites States are saying about the moral permissibility of the current Covid-19 vaccines:

[Click Here for the Memo](#)

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.

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.

UPCOMING SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

- July 4 Property Management
- July 11 No Second Collection
- July 18 Fuel
- July 25 Parish to Parish Support
- August 1 Property Management



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 ✠

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 jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net. If you are new to our parish, registration forms are available at the entrances of both churches. You can also find a registration form on our website at <http://stlukenh.org>.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

June 20 to July 4, 2021

The Pregnancy Care Center (PCC) offers loving, confidential support to those facing an unplanned pregnancy. The goal of the PPC is to journey alongside women to let them know they are not alone. Additionally, they provide sexual integrity education, post abortion counseling, and material assistance (baby items, food). The PCC has locations in Haverhill, Lawrence, and Lowell, MA. On **June 20**, we will begin a Baby Bottle (Envelope) Campaign which will be used to raise funds for the PCC ministry. Please visit www.pccfriends.org to fill a virtual baby bottle or use the addressed baby bottle envelopes provided to mail in your donation. Be sure to note St. Luke the Evangelist on your check. Thank you!



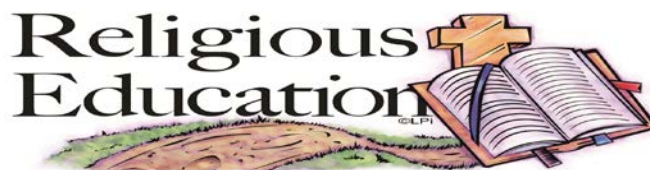
Maybe it's time

To re-connect with your Church
To re-new yourself and others
through the unique power of the
Holy Spirit

If you are a baptized Catholic,
have received your First
Communion, but decided against
Confirmation as a teen, mabe
NOW IS THE TIME for you to re-
consider **Confirmation**.

God *does* care about you. *For
some reason*, God chose you to
be born into a family that would

to be born into a family that would bring you to the Catholic Church for Baptism. So maybe – just maybe – now...it's time...to make your own choice. **Confirmation**. If you are 18 or over and were never Confirmed, contact the Parish Office (603-382-8324) or www.stlukenh.org. With little time and reflection, practicing Catholics can be prepared to celebrate the gift of the Spirit in their lives. **Maybe it's your time.**



**ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Religious Education Registration for the 2021-2022 Academic Year for **Grades Pre-K through 12** begins in September. If your child is currently enrolled, a registration form has been sent home. If your child is new to the Program, please call Cathy Smith at 382-8324 for more information.

CATECHISTS NEEDED

Our Religious Education Program is in need of catechists for Sunday mornings. Training will be provided. If you can help, please email Cathy Smith at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

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EVICITION & EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE

If you or someone you know are facing eviction or need emergency rental assistance, help is available. Please call Catholic Charities at 603-889-9431.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

A Men's AA Step Meeting is being held on Sunday mornings from 7:00 to 8:00 AM at the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish Hall (Holy Angels). Masks are required. Bring your own coffee. For more information, call Joe at 617-921-9899.

AMAZONSMILE FOUNDATION

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. For questions, please call the Parish Office at 603-382-8324. Be sure to choose:

St Luke the Evangelist Parish, Plaistow.

WHILE AWAY THIS SUMMER...

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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Monday, July 5
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

7:00 PM Knights of Columbus *Plaistow*

Wednesday, July 7
 Holy Angels Church Plaistow open for
 private prayer all day

7:00 PM The Sacraments *Plaistow*

Thursday, July 8

8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration *Newton*
 1:30 PM The Sacraments *Plaistow*

Saturday, July 10

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

RESTROOM BREAKS DURING MASS

Attention Parents

Please be sure to accompany your young children when they need to use the restroom during Mass. This is for their safety and your peace of mind!

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.



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.**

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! It is summer and vacations are planned, and who does not deserve a break? But our Food Pantry continues to operate, and we are busier than ever. We are looking for helpers to stock shelves, run food up and down the stairs, and to place food boxes in patron's vehicles – we are still in "drive up mode." The Pantry is looking for help on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:00 AM to Noon and on Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Call Marie at 819-4949 and leave a message if you can help!

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, July 3 ~ Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a (Vigil)
 4:00 PM Lena Dionne by her family
Plaistow

Sunday, July 4 ~ Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a
 8:00 AM Michael LeDuc by the Stanley family
Newton
 10:00 AM Frank Kelcourse (Birthday Remembrance)
 by Elaine Kelcourse
Plaistow

Monday, July 5 ~ Anthony Zaccaria, Priest;

Elizabeth of Portugal
Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26

8:00 AM People of the Parish
Newton

Tuesday, July 6 ~ Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38

8:00 AM In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Plaistow

Wednesday, July 7 ~ Weekday

Gn 41:55-57, 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Mt 10:1-7

6:30 PM Joan McLaughlin (Birthday Remembrance)
 by Joe and Ann Marie Sheehan
Plaistow

Thursday, July 8 ~ Weekday

Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29, 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15

8:00 AM Marie Lessard by Grace Bukowski
Newton

Friday, July 9 ~ Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23
No Mass

Saturday, July 10 ~ Weekday

Gn 49:29-32, 50:15-26a; Mt 10:24-33 (Day)
Am 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Millie Gattinella by Pat Zakiewicz
Plaistow

Sunday, July 11 ~ Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13

8:00 AM The Intentions of Paul Fournier by Edith Fournier
Newton
 10:00 AM Jesselyn Driscoll by her family
Plaistow



JULY 4, 2021

✠ FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION ✠

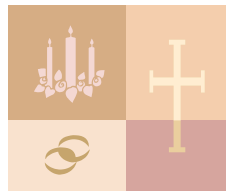


We're looking for new members! Have you ever wondered what the St. Vincent de Paul Society is all about? Our meetings are held on the **3rd Wednesday at 7 PM of each month**. New members are always welcome. We look forward

any questions you may have. **Please contact SVdP 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>

MARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH

Did you know that all Catholics are required to be married in the Church as a condition of the validity of their marriage?



Any Catholic married in a civil ceremony (JP) or in any religious ceremony other than a Catholic one (unless specifically excepted by the Bishop) is not living out the Sacrament of Marriage in its fullness according to the teaching of the Church. Contact Father Albert in the Parish Office for more information and assistance – there are ways in which your situation might be resolved!

QUO VADIS DAY

**For Young Men Ages 14-18
10:00 AM to 6:00 PM**

Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus as a great plan for you! You are invited to attend *Quo Vadis Days Game Day* on **August 6, 2021 at St. Patrick Parish in Pelham, NH** to spend time with other young men your age looking at the Lord's call in your life while having lots of fun. *Quo Vadis Days* is led by priests and seminarians of the diocese and includes a variety of games, prayer, other activities, and opportunities to grow in friendship with the Lord and with each other. The cost is \$20 (financial aid available). Please contact Fr. Von DeRosia at 603-635-3525 or vderosia@rcbm.org.



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

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

ADORATION

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

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

**Newton – Thursday
8:30 AM – 8:30 PM**

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

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

✠ PARISH DIRECTORY ✠

Parish Office	603-382-8324
Parish Prayer Line	603-382-8324 x 314
St. Vincent de Paul Society	603-382-8324 x 315
St. Luke's Food Pantry	603-819-4949
Preschool	603-382-9783
Presentation of Mary Convent	603-382-2744

Fr. Albert Tremblay	fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net
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Val Barczak	mvmbarczak@comcast.net
Parish Council	parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net

✠ Parish News ~ Youth News ~ Around The Diocese ✠



ALTAR SERVERS WANTED!

School students 3rd grade and up – adults and families are all welcome!

If you would like to become an altar server, or if you have served before and would like to resume serving, please contact Fr. Albert at 603-382-8324 or fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net

FIAT DAY

For Young Women Ages 14-18

July 30, 2021 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Do you want to say “yes” to God’s plan for your life? You are invited to attend a Fiat Day at Ste. Marie Parish in Manchester, NH to spend time with other young women your age looking at the Lord’s call in your life while having lots of fun. Fiat Day is led by the vocations team of the diocese and the Daughters of Mary, Mother of Healing Love of Manchester, NH. It includes a schedule of Mass and prayer, activities, and opportunities to grow in friendship with the Lord and with each other. Cost is \$20 (financial aid is available). For more information, or to register, contact Becky Vinson at 603-663-0153 or rvinson@rcbm.org.

The Vigil Candle at Mary, Mother of the Church will burn this week in loving memory of **Michael LeDuc** by a friend



ST. ANDREW DINNER

St. Andrew was the first of the Apostles to hear Jesus’ call to follow Him. If you are a young man considering a vocation to the priesthood or who would simply like some help hearing the Lord’s call in your life, join us for a St. Andrew Dinner at St. Joseph Church at Saints Mary and Joseph Parish in Salem, NH on **July 11**. To register, or for more information, visit www.liveinblackandwhite.com.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES AND COVID-19

As you may know, there is immense suffering and loss of life occurring in India and Brazil due to the pandemic. The Catholic Church, through Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is on the ground in those countries working to support local hospitals and programs which are being overwhelmed and which have reached a breaking point.

Given our own experience in the United States with regards to the pandemic and the important role the Church has in being able to respond to global events, we have an opportunity to assist relief efforts in India and Brazil. To learn more about CRS efforts in the affected areas, please visit www.crs.org/stories/covid-19-pandemic-india-and-brazil.

CHARISMATIC RETREAT DAY

You are invited to a Charismatic Retreat Day for *A Post-Pandemic Perspective on the Church, the World, and the Catholic Charismatic Renewal* to be held at Ste. Marie Church, Manchester, NH (Montminy Hall) from **8:30 AM to 12:30 PM on Saturday, July 24, 2021**. The featured speaker will be Fr. Don Clinton from St. Joseph Parish in Epping. This day is free of charge and open to all. To pre-register, or for more information, call Jackie Morganti at 332-3576.

ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. Joseph Regional Catholic School has added a second kindergarten class for the 2021-2022 school year. There are also a few openings available in Grades 6 and 8. For more information, please email Mrs. Latino at info@sjrcs.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.

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS
ST. JUDE COUNCIL #6617



LOOKING FOR GOOD MEN

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.

We are sons, fathers, husbands and grandfathers, whose main purpose is charitable works in support of our parish and community. Where there is a need, there is a Knight.

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





Bringing Home the Word

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
July 4, 2021

The Pain of Suspicion

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

A bright and luminous painting from 1905 by Maurice Denis shows the Child Jesus in Nazareth, apparently teaching the other children. *Nazareth* highlights the peace, beauty, and joy of those years when Jesus was growing in wisdom and strength right before Mary’s eyes.

The little dovelike white ribbons on the heads of the kneeling children indicate the knowledge and spirit Jesus was imparting.

Yet when Jesus returns to Nazareth as an adult, things were quite different. The townspeople were suspicious of

his wisdom as they remember him as the carpenter, son of Joseph and Mary. Those humble roots don’t justify the knowledge and power with which he spoke. Perhaps envy or jealousy blinded them and brought Jesus to quote the Old Testament, “A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house” (Mark 6:4).

Their closed hearts pained Jesus, as he would have most certainly wanted to show all the love and power of God to his fellow Nazoreans. Scripture says Jesus was amazed at their lack of faith.

We can also limit everything Jesus wants to do in and for us with our lack of belief in him and his power. Perhaps those of us who are closest to him through daily prayer and regular sacraments are the least convinced of his power. Dare to let Jesus in and do with you what he wants! +

Sunday Readings

Ezekiel 2:2-5

Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me.

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ.

Mark 6:1-6

Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?...He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Perhaps those who are closest to Jesus through prayer and regular sacraments are the least convinced of his power.

A Word from Pope Francis

[Religious] freedom remains one of America’s most precious possessions. And, as my brothers, the United States Bishops, have reminded us, all are called to be vigilant, precisely as good citizens, to preserve and defend that freedom from everything that would threaten or compromise it.

—Visit to the White House, September 23, 2015



REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Does my familiarity with Jesus lead me to routine and lack of faith?
- In what ways have I seen Jesus work and answer prayer?

Are “Those People” Us?

By Kathleen M. Basi

You would think that in a society that prizes knowledge—in a world shaped by the ability to study the microscopic building blocks of the human person—we would have moved beyond defining people by stereotypes. Yet reality indicates otherwise. It’s a sad truth about human nature that we are really good at building walls to divide *us* from *them* and not nearly as good at breaking those walls down.

Forwarded emails, written in inflammatory language, make blanket statements about Muslims, Protestants, Catholics, liberals, and conservatives. Neighbors protest in response to a home being built nearby for underprivileged kids or disabled adults. We make assumptions about people’s character based on the way they dress, their political affiliation, or physical characteristics.

We’d all like to think we’re the exception to such subtle bigotry. We’d like to think we respect the gift of life in whatever form God gives it—disabilities and all—but how many of us answer questions about our unborn children with “as long as the baby’s healthy” or forward emails of poor taste?

We readily admit that “those people” (whoever they may be) are just as important as we are in the eyes of God. But when it comes to making out birthday invitations for our children’s celebrations or expanding our own social



circles, does our gaze automatically slide past certain individuals to people who feel a little more...well...like us?

When we separate people into *us* versus *them*, we give ourselves permission, however unconsciously, to see *them* as *less than*. Jesus asks more from us. In one Gospel story after another, he challenges us to tear down the barriers erected by humanity.

We know that Jesus came for everyone—it’s a tenet of our faith. It’s a lot easier to say those words, though, than to acknowledge that our hearts aren’t opened as wide as Jesus’. Saint Paul urged the Galatians not to consider themselves as Jew or Greek, slave or free,

male or female (see Galatians 3:28). A modern litany might speak to religion, race, sexual orientation, or political affiliation.

It’s not easy to overcome our biases. But nobody ever said following Jesus would be easy. In fact, Jesus made it clear that the Christian journey involves dying to oneself. What also must die is our own unacknowledged prejudices. +

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PRAYER

Lord, you accept everyone with unconditional love. Help me overcome my fear of others so I can love and accept them as you do.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS

July 5–10

Monday, Weekday:
Gn 28:10–22a / Mt 9:18–26

Tuesday, Weekday:
Gn 32:23–33 / Mt 9:32–38

Wednesday, Weekday:
Gn 41:55–57; 42:5–7a, 17–24a / Mt 10:1–7

Thursday, Weekday: Gn 44:18–21, 23b–29; 45:1–5 / Mt 10:7–15

Friday, Weekday:
Gn 46:1–7, 28–30 / Mt 10:16–23

Saturday, Weekday: Gn 49:29–32; 50:15–26a / Mt 10:24–33

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