

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By mandate of the Bishop of Manchester on June 6, all restrictions and procedures put in place during the pandemic are no longer in effect.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 catholicstv.org
 Sunday Mass from Notre Dame
catholicstv.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!

July 4, 2021
 Offertory **\$7,746.80**
 Property Mgmt **\$1,482.30**

July 11, 2021
 Offertory **\$6,899.26**

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

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| July 18 | Fuel |
| July 25 | Parish to Parish Support |
| August 1 | Property Management |
| August 8 | NH Missionaries |
| August 15 | Assumption of Mary |



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

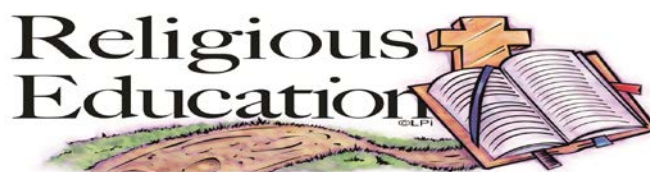
Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on a Percentage Increase

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>.



**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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EVICTON & 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.

**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



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.**



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.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

✠ **WEEKLY CALENDAR** ✠

Tuesday, July 20
 6:00 PM Finance Council Meeting *Plaistow*

Wednesday, July 21
 Holy Angels Church Plaistow open for private prayer all day
 7:00 PM The Sacraments *Plaistow*
 7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting *Plaistow*

Thursday, July 22
 8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration *Newton*
 1:30 PM The Sacraments *Plaistow*

Saturday, July 24
 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.**

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who volunteered to help out the Food Pantry this summer. The response to our request was amazing! At this time, we now have all the help we can use, along with a list of substitutes. Again, thank you all so much!

✠ **MASS INTENTIONS** ✠

Saturday, July 17 ~ Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34 (Vigil)
 4:00 PM Roland and Mary Guilmette by the Matson family
Plaistow

Sunday, July 18 ~ Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34
 8:00 AM Dorothy and Glenn Stanley by the Stanley family
Newton
 10:00 AM Jake Collins by the Morrier family
Plaistow

Monday, July 19 ~ Weekday
Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42
 8:00 AM Ron Metcalf by his family
Newton

Tuesday, July 20 ~ Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr
Ex 14:21—15:1; Mt 12:46-50
 8:00 AM Michael Twomey by the Knights of Columbus
Plaistow

Wednesday, July 21 ~ Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Mt 13:1-9
 6:30 PM People of the Parish
Plaistow

Thursday, July 22 ~ Mary Magdalene
Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
 8:00 AM Lorraine Purington by Barbara Metcalf
Newton

Friday, July 23 ~ Bridget, Religious
Ex 20:1-17; Mt 13:18-23
No Mass

Saturday, July 24 ~ Sharbel Makhluf, Priest
Ex 24:3-8; Mt 13:24-30 (Day)
2 Kgs 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15 (Vigil)
 4:00 PM Mary Walsh by Pat Zakiewicz
Plaistow

Sunday, July 25 ~ Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Kgs 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15
 8:00 AM Steve Mortensen
 by the Lumnah and Bashaw families
Newton
 10:00 AM Jake Collins by the Morrier family
Plaistow



✠ FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION ✠

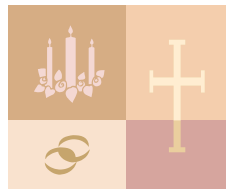


We're looking for new members! Have you ever wondered what the St. Vincent de Paul Society is all about? Our meetings are held on the **3rd Wednesday at 7 PM of each month**. New members are always welcome. We look forward

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

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✠ Parish News ~ Youth News ~ Around The Diocese ✠

The Sanctuary Candle at Mary, Mother of the Church will burn this week in loving memory of **Costante and Lena Morigi** by their family



REGINA CAELI ACADEMY
Accepting Applications for the Northern Massachusetts Center in 2021!

The Regina Caeli Academy (RCA) is a private, independent, *University-Style Hybrid* academy operating in the Catholic tradition. We offer accredited, classical academic and extracurricular classes to Pre-School through 12th grade students two days a week. The parent remains the primary educator by homeschooling the other days following the plans provided by RCA. Our new NMA center is opening at All Saints Parish in Haverhill, MA this August 2021. To register, or for more information, contact Becky Casey at 781-856-7690.

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. THOMAS AQUINAS

St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Dover, NH is a college prep School of Excellence; we are happy to offer campus visits and tours throughout the summer months, and we are still accepting applications for Fall 2021. For more information, or to schedule a visit, please contact us at admission@stalux.org.

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. Luke the Evangelist is now on Facebook! Go to www.facebook.com/stlukenh.org/ or **St. Luke the Evangelist Parish – Newton/Plaisow** and give us a Like! Please invite fellow parishioners & friends to do the same.

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.

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.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS,
ST. JUDE COUNCIL 6617**



The 26th Annual St. Jude Golf Open Tournament, hosted by the **Knights of Columbus, Council #6617**, was again a huge success. Not only did we sell out in 3 days, the weather was perfect and the golfers had a great day for golf. We would like to thank them, our volunteers, and the many sponsors for their continued support and generosity. On Monday, June 28th, checks were presented to the two families we have chosen to assist with this year's proceeds. Both families are struggling with cancer issues and finding it hard to manage the physical, emotional, and financial responsibilities of everyday life. We ask that you keep them in your prayers.



Bringing Home the Word

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
July 18, 2021

The Source of All Forgiveness

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

In his 1622 painting *The Penitent St. Mary Magdalene*, Giovanni Francesco Barbieri, known as Guercino, portrays Mary Magdalene with shoulders uncovered and disheveled hair. These details remind us of her shameful past without defining her present. Rather, it is her humble, penitent spirit from which her heroic love for Jesus springs. The sinful Mary, who had been forgiven so much, is also one who has loved much.

One angel holds out before her the symbols of the passion to remind Magdalene of the ransom her Beloved paid to set her free from sin. A second

angel pointing to heaven reminds her that these nails no longer bind him. Or as the angel would tell Mary Magdalene in the garden, “He is not here, for he has been raised” (Matthew 28:6).

Many mistakenly conflate Mary Magdalene with the unknown woman from Luke 7:36–50. The woman offers an act of humility by breaking into the dinner party of Simon and sobbing over the feet of Jesus. She bathes his feet with tears of repentance and dries them with her lovely hair. Despite the confusion, we admire this woman’s and Mary’s humility. Neither were too proud to repent.

The painting is called *The Penitent St. Mary Magdalene* because Mary looks purposely like a person kneeling in confession. Speaking with head downcast, she admits her failures. And as in confession, the representative of God sits on the other side encouraging her to consider Jesus’ passion, love, and mercy. The angel in the center reminds Mary to whom she is really confessing. By pointing to heaven, we are all reminded of the source from whom all forgiveness comes. +

It is Mary Magdalene’s humble, penitent spirit from which her heroic love for Jesus springs.

A Word from Pope Francis

For leadership there is only one road: service. There is no other way. If you have many qualities—the ability to communicate, etcetera—but you are not a servant, your leadership will fail, it is useless, it has not power to gather [people] together.

—Address to Pontifical Colleges and Residences of Rome, May 12, 2014



Sunday Readings

Jeremiah 23:1–6

I will raise up shepherds for them who will shepherd them so that they need no longer fear or be terrified; none shall be missing.

Ephesians 2:13–18

Now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have become near by the blood of Christ.

Mark 6:30–34

His heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Am I humble enough to admit my faults to myself and others?
- How often do I ask forgiveness from my loved ones and in confession?

“Be Not Afraid”

By Kathleen M. Basi

A director of religious education once told me that as grade-school children begin to process the world, they come to their parents and teachers with questions. We need to answer those questions, she said, because the window isn't open all that long. If you don't answer their questions honestly, sometime around the fourth grade they quit asking questions like:

- How can we say “thou shalt not kill” and fight wars and execute prisoners?
- What does gay mean?
- Why don't so-and-so's parents live together?
- What is contraception?
- Why are those people fighting with the police?
- Why would someone shoot schoolkids?
- What does climate change mean?
- Why do those children have flies around their mouths?

For many adults, answering questions like these is terrifying. We are jaded, embittered, and overwhelmed by the scope of the world's problems. When we try to put into words what we believe, it often seems simplistic—a woefully inadequate answer to reality. Trying to explain God and the world to children brings into sharp relief the inadequacy of our own faith and understanding of both.

We are afraid to scar our children's innocence. We are afraid of being labeled intolerant. We are afraid our kids



will demonstrate their knowledge in inappropriate ways or contexts. We are afraid of having to admit to our kids the many ways we have not lived up to what we profess to believe. We are afraid of being seen as frauds. Most of all, we are afraid of screwing up our kids.

And yet despite it all, we have to answer. Children's views of the world are being formed whether we participate in the process or not. We might as well make sure they get the right formation—the one guided by Christ and his Church.

The tough questions will always be tough, but constantly seeking greater wisdom and understanding for ourselves takes away some of the pressure to “get it right” for our kids in one shot. Instead,

we can approach difficult topics with our children as coseekers in the way of Christ, returning to subjects in greater depth as their understanding grows... and as ours does the same.

Perhaps then, it won't feel so difficult to trust God to give us the words when we need them and the wisdom to know when to respond, “You don't need to know that yet.” Honesty is not easy when the subject matter is difficult. But God whispers to us today the same three words that are woven into the entire narrative of salvation history: “Be not afraid.” +

Parents, it's crucial we use our faith in answering the tough questions of our children.

PRAYER

Lord, you are the Good Shepherd who cares for all people. Help me be a good shepherd of love and compassion.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS

July 19–24

Monday, Weekday:

Ex 14:5–18 / Mt 12:38–42

Tuesday, Weekday:

Ex 14:21–15:1 / Mt 12:46–50

Wednesday, Weekday:

Ex 16:1–5, 9–15 / Mt 13:1–9

Thursday, St. Mary Magdalene: Sg 3:1–4b or 2 Cor 5:14–17 / Jn 20:1–2, 11–18

Friday, Weekday:

Ex 20:1–17 / Mt 13:18–23

Saturday, Weekday:

Ex 24:3–8 / Mt 13:24–30

Bringing Home
the **Word** 

July 18, 2021

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